

ORDINANCE

RE: Amendment to Wind and Solar Ordinances

WHEREAS, Vermilion County has passed wind and solar permitting ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, these ordinances outline the requirements to obtain a permit to construct a wind and or solar project; and,

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the public and applicants to be aware of how the County interprets the ordinance and analyzes the applications, particularly in light of recent State legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Vermilion County Illinois that the Wind and Solar Ordinances are amended as follows:

[Solar Ordinance] Ordinance 19—0806 is amended at Section 2 A, by adding the following, to-wit:

Section 2

- A. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of these regulations is to provide a uniform and comprehensive set of standards for the installation and use of SFESs designed for commercial energy production. The intent of these regulations is to protect the public health, safety, and community welfare while allowing development of solar energy resources for commercial purposes. This ordinance shall apply to solar energy farms in the unincorporated areas of the County outside of the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality ~~and the 1.5 mile radius surrounding the jurisdiction of a municipality~~ *where that municipality exercises jurisdiction over the solar project.*

The factors used to analyze and consider the application shall be

- 1. The existing uses and, where applicable, zoning of nearby property;*
- 2. The extent to which property values are diminished;*
- 3. The extent to which the destruction of property value promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public;*
- 4. The relative gain to the public as opposed to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner;*
- 5. The suitability of the subject property for the planned purposes;*

6. *The length of time the property has been vacant as currently utilized considered in the context of land development in the area;*
7. *The care with which the community has undertaken to plan its land-use development; and*
8. *The community need for the use proposed by the applicant.*
9. *The impact on wildlife and wildlife habitat*
10. *The impact on drainage facilities and public property*

[Wind Ordinance] Ordinance 21-0802 is amended at Section VI SITING APPROVAL APPLICATION, to-wit:

Section VI Siting Application Approval

- A. The Structural Safety Committee shall have the authority to create and require the use of any application or information form necessary or useful in the execution of this ordinance. However, no application that substantially complies with the requirements of this ordinance shall be refused appropriate review.

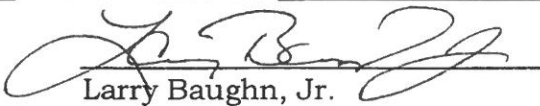
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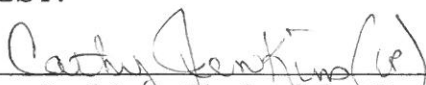
PRESENTED, APPROVED AND RESOLVED by the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois at the February 14, 2023 A.D. Session.

DATED this 14th day of February 14, 2023 A.D.

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Absent: 3


Larry Baughn, Jr.
Chairman, Vermilion County Board

ATTEST:


Cathy Jenkins, Clerk of the County Board

Approved by Executive and Legislative Committee on February 14, 2023

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| Larry Baughn (Chair) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y N A |
| Steve Miller (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y N A |
| Joe Eakle | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y N A |
| Jerry Hawker | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y N A |
| Mark Steinbaugh | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y N A |
| Nancy O'Kane | Y N <input checked="" type="radio"/> A |