

Moratorium Resolution 2024-44

WHEREAS, the County of Keith, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, has a comprehensive development plan adopted March 19, 2003 by the Keith County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter "County Board of Keith County") pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-114.02; and

WHEREAS, the County of Keith, Nebraska is in the process of updating the comprehensive development plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Keith, Nebraska has zoning regulations in place which are intended to direct the location of specific uses and provide for proper separation of conflicting uses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Keith has seen an interest in commercial wind energy systems and commercial solar energy systems, as defined in the current county zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Keith County wishes to study the existing zoning regulations related to this use; and

WHEREAS, the likelihood of commercial wind energy systems and commercial solar energy systems, as defined in the current county zoning regulations, in Keith County is probable, the County Board desires to review regulations which are appropriate for the county and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Keith County Planning Commission shall and hereby is directed to review the county zoning regulations and to then make specific recommendations for changes to the county zoning regulations dealing with commercial wind energy systems and commercial solar energy systems, as defined in the current county zoning regulations, before accepting, granting or recommending a conditional use permit for the construction of wind or solar farms; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Keith County finds that the most appropriate way to work on said regulations is without the possibility of new applications coming forward during a time frame which allows consideration of appropriate commercial wind energy systems and commercial solar energy systems regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing statement, the County Board of Keith County, Nebraska, hereby adopts the following resolution:

*"BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Keith County, that a twelve (12) month moratorium on accepting any applications for commercial wind energy systems or commercial solar energy systems, as defined in the current county zoning regulations, is hereby invoked and approved."*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this moratorium will be extended if necessary in order to allow the planning and zoning commission to conduct public meetings, including but not limited to public hearings, in direct regards to current and potential changes to regulations pertaining to commercial wind energy systems and commercial solar energy systems; and to further allow any potential changes to be passed on to the Keith County Board of Commissioners for review, approval, or disapproval with the same previously mentioned considerations as allowed for the Planning and Zoning Commission.*

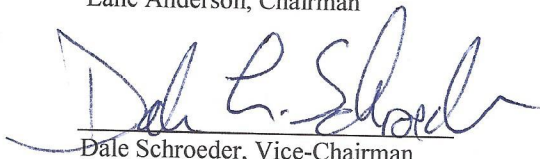
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Keith County, Nebraska, hereby directs the Keith County Planning & Zoning Commission to review the county zoning regulations, to conduct any hearings, if necessary, and to make specific recommendations for changes to the county zoning regulations dealing with commercial wind energy systems and commercial solar energy systems, as defined in the current county zoning regulations, before accepting, granting or recommending a conditional use permit for the construction of commercial wind energy systems or commercial solar energy systems and that such recommendation shall be made within twelve (12) months of the signing of this Resolution.*


*“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said twelve (12) month moratorium shall become effective as of the date of the approval of this Resolution.”*

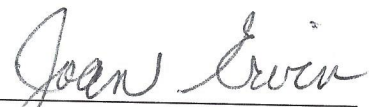
Dated this 7th day of August, 2024

KEITH COUNTY NEBRASKA  
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