

RESOLUTION 10-14-24-02
EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL
USE PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the size and impact of Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems have the potential to create an excessive burden on the County's infrastructure, the environment, wildlife, nearby property owners and a potential to interfere with the operation of Doppler Weather Radar accuracy; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems are a special permitted use in the A-1 Agricultural, I-1 Light Industrial and I-2 Heavy Industrial zoning districts, of the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance, subject to consideration and action by the Muscatine County Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors recognizes that Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems may affect the character of the surrounding area and the Board desires that all applications for Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems be considered consistently within the purpose and intent of the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance so that the most appropriate uses of land are encouraged throughout unincorporated Muscatine County; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors desires to explore the possibility of changing the approval requirements for Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems considered by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, changing said review requirements would necessitate amendment of the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, Muscatine County is currently in the process of updating the 2014 Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan and said process will involve multiple public input sessions to hear valuable county resident opinions on Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2024, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #01-15-24-01 placing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any special use permits for Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems, expiring 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Sunday, October 20, 2024, unless extended by further action of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors wishes to extend the moratorium at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors hereby extends the temporary moratorium on the issuance of any special use permits for Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems, to 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Sunday, March 16, 2025, unless extended by further action of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the above referenced changes to the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance concerning Commercial Wind

Energy Conversion Systems, to be duly considered by the Muscatine County Zoning Commission and the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of the amendments to the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance and satisfactory resolution of the issues as determined by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors; and

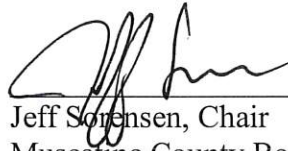
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium approved by this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:



Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor



Jeff Sorensen, Chair
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors