

# RILEY TOWNSHIP – ST. CLAIR COUNTY

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

### ORDINANCE NO# 62 – 2024

#### Wind Energy Conversion (WEC) Moratorium

An ordinance to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for, or any construction of, wind energy conversion systems and met towers.

#### **Section 1: Definitions:**

- A. "Wind Energy Conversion System" includes all equipment that is used to convert, store or transfer energy from wind into usable forms of energy and includes any wind turbines or wind generators as well as any bases, blades, foundations, generators, nacelles, rotors, towers, transformers, turbines, vanes, wires, or other components used in such a system whose purpose is to provide electricity to the electric utility grid.
- B. "Meteorological Tower" ("MET Tower") includes a tower used for the measurement of wind speed.

**Section 2: Purpose and Findings:** The purpose of this moratorium is to provide sufficient time for Riley Township to fully explore, analyze, research, and make informed decisions regarding Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Meteorological Towers. In support of this Ordinance, the Riley Township Board has determined the following:

- A. The Township Board has become aware that developers may be interested in constructing Wind Energy Conversion Systems or Meteorological Towers in the Township.
- B. The integration of these Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Meteorological Towers within the Township emphasizes the need for suitable regulations and controls.
- C. The Township Board is authorized to establish reasonable requirements and regulations to govern and control Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Meteorological Towers within the Township to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Township residents and their property.
- D. Imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary to allow the Township time to fully explore, analyze, research, and develop any proposed regulations regarding the integration of Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Meteorological Towers within the Township.
- E. A moratorium should be imposed upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses, and approvals for any property in the Township for the establishment and use of Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Meteorological Towers for eighteen (18) months.

**Section 3: Moratorium:** A moratorium is hereby imposed upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses, or approvals for any property in the Township for the establishment and use of Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Meteorological Towers, so long as this Ordinance is in effect.

**Section 4: Term of Moratorium; Renewal:** The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance remains in effect eighteen (18) months following the effective date of this Ordinance, unless repealed sooner.

**Section 5: Validity and Severability:** Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason; such holding will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 6: Repealer Clause:** Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 7: Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall take effective seven (7) days following publication.

Motion made by Mike Rushing, seconded by Duane Hagel to adopt the foregoing resolution.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following voted: Behem, Rushing, Titus, Baranowski, Hagle.

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Dawn Behem, Riley Township Clerk

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