

**MONTCALM TOWNSHIP
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

(Ordinance No. ____)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Montcalm Township held at the Township offices on _____, 2021, beginning at ____ p.m., the following Ordinance was offered for adoption by Township Board Member _____, and was seconded by Township Board Member _____:

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE
ISSUANCE OF ANY ZONING APPROVALS, REZONINGS,
PERMITS, LICENSES OR APPROVALS FOR WIND
ENERGY SYSYTEMS**

THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCALM (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

Section 1. Findings.

- a. The provisions of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance regarding wind energy systems (“WESs”) have not kept pace with development patterns, technological changes, and other matters.
- b. The Township Board for Montcalm Township desires to revise and update the provisions within the Township’s Zoning Ordinance regarding WESs and similar matters.
- c. Imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary in order to allow time for the review of potential amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding WESs.
- d. During this moratorium period, the Township Board and Planning Commission will continue to investigate potential modifications to the Zoning Ordinance that may establish reasonable regulations regarding WESs.

Section 2. Administrative Action. A moratorium is hereby imposed upon the issuance of any Township permit, license, zoning approval, rezoning, variance, or similar approval for any WES or any commercial use or structure involving a WES. During the moratorium term specified in this Ordinance, no Township official, employee, body, commission or agent shall issue or approve any such permit, zoning approval, rezoning, license, variance or other approval.

Section 3. Exemptions. This Ordinance and the moratorium imposed herein shall not apply to:

- a. Any WES application the review of which was completed prior to _____, 2021; or
- b. Any WES and any associated structure approved by the Township before _____, 2021.

Section 4. Term of This Ordinance. The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance shall remain in effect for six (6) months following the effective date of this Ordinance or until amendments to Montcalm Township’s ordinances regarding WESs become effective, whichever occurs first. Prior to the expiration of this moratorium, Montcalm Township may extend the moratorium to allow sufficient time to complete any such amendments to the ordinances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance and shall become effective the day following its publication (or a summary hereof) in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

The vote in favor of this Ordinance was as follows:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: _____

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an emergency Ordinance adopted by the Township Board for Montcalm Charter Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____

 Montcalm Township Clerk