

Resolution 2024-27

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPROVING MORATORIUM
ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREAS (ERA's), TAX ABATEMENT
AND OTHER SUBSIDIES ON COMMERCIAL OR LARGE-SCALE SOLAR
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY GENERATION AND
STORAGE PROJECTS, SYSTEMS OR FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Laws of the State of Indiana empower the Fountain County Council

("Council) to exercise any and all fiscal powers of Fountain County, including specific responsibility

to include the following:

1. Approving annual Operating Budgets of all County Departments;
2. Establish salaries and compensation;
3. Authorizing expenditure of Public Funds for specific purposes;
4. Fixing Tax Rates and Levies;
5. Authorizing Borrowed Money in the form of bonds and notes; and
6. Establishment and Consideration of Economic Revitalization Areas together with the consideration of Tax Abatement and other Subsidies for Applicants within the unincorporated areas of Fountain County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, a majority of unincorporated Fountain County is zoned AG — Agricultural and

the Fountain County Plan Commission has made it known they intend to vote on a Moratorium for Applications of Solar Energy Generation and Storage Projects and in an effort to guide future growth

and development and potentially strike a balance with the maintenance of productive farm land; and

WHEREAS, substantial activities from citizens support such a Moratorium and, importantly, offer opposition to the development of commercial or large scale solar alternative energy projects, systems or facilities, including specifically, the issue of tax abatements or other County subsidies for

said projects; and

WHEREAS, this Council, by Law, has been charged with the responsibility of securing the Fiscal Funds for their taxpayers in making wise and informed decisions regarding when, and if, Tax

Abatement and other subsidies might be issued for commercial large scale solar alternative energy generation applicants; and

WHEREAS, this Council is charged with the responsibility and continue to make cost benefit analysis for the establishment of Economic Revitalization Areas and the granting of Tax Abatement and other subsidies within said districts; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that further studies, community input and data gathered from Indiana as well as around the Country need to be generated and in order for the Council to have a clear picture and substantial facts in making decisions regarding Economic Revitalization Areas and Issuance of Tax Abatement and other subsidies to commercial or large scale solar alternative energy projects, systems or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain County Council believes that a Moratorium and pause on the consideration of Economic Revitalization Areas in the Agricultural areas for the use of Commercial large scale solar alternative energy projects systems or facilities, and the granting of Tax Abatement and other subsidies, for a period of two years, is in the best interest of the Citizens of Fountain County; is necessary to insure the public fiscal health, safety, and general welfare of its Citizens; will provide sufficient time for the analysis and careful consideration of various complex issues concerning such developments; and therefore provide sufficient time for due consideration to be incorporated into necessary revisions to the Fountain County Comprehensive Plan and/or Zoning Ordinances.

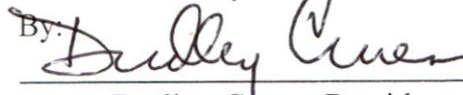
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fountain County Council hereby state

as follows:

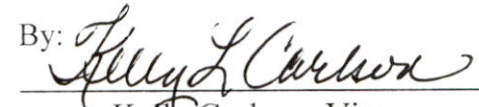
1. A moratorium and pause, for two years, on all Economic Revitalization Areas, together with consideration of Applications for Tax Abatement and other subsidies, including the filing, processing, review, or granting of all Applications related to the fiscal decisions required to be made by the Council as to Large Scale Solar alternative energy generation, or storage systems or facilities, is hereby adopted.

All of which is Resolved and Adopted this 30th day December, 2024.

Fountain County Council

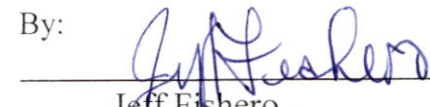
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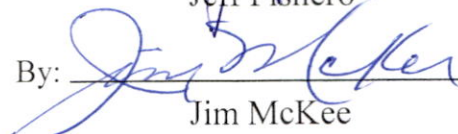
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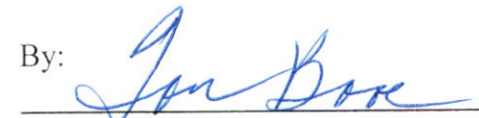
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