

**DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

On October 16, 2024, the Township Board of Douglass, Montcalm County, Michigan, adopted (1) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Wind Energy Systems in Accordance with PA 233 of 2023, (2) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Solar Energy Systems in Accordance with PA 233 of 2023, (3) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems and (4) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Douglass Township of Enforcement of the Timeline for Pursuing Violations of the Zoning Ordinance (the “Ordinances”).

The Ordinances are available for inspection at the Township Hall, 3521 McBride Rd, Stanton, MI 48888, during regular business hours. Copies may be obtained for a reasonable charge. The following is a summary of the regulatory effect of the Ordinances:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PA 233 OF 2023**

Section 1 Section 1 of the Ordinance states its purpose.

Section 2 Section 2 of the Ordinance amends Section 12.06 Approval Standard 21 of the Zoning Ordinance to revise where Commercial WECS are permitted in the Township and to add a subparagraph to provide for regulations for wind energy systems under PA 233 of 2023.

Section 3 Section 3 of the Ordinance amends Table 12.05.A of the Zoning Ordinance to revise where Commercial WECS are permitted in the Township.

Section 4 Section 4 of the Ordinance provides that should any portion of the Ordinance be found invalid, it does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 5 Section 5 of the Ordinance provides that all other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6 Section 6 of the Ordinance provides its effective date.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PA 233 OF 2023**

Section 1 Section 1 of the Ordinance states its purpose.

Section 2 Section 2 of the Ordinance amends Section 12.06 Approval Standard 22 of the Zoning Ordinance to revise where ISES are permitted in the Township and to add a subparagraph to provide for regulations for wind energy systems under PA 233 of 2023.

Section 3 Section 3 of the Ordinance amends Table 12.05.A of the Zoning Ordinance to revise where Industrial Solar Energy Systems are permitted in the Township.

Section 4 Section 4 of the Ordinance provides that should any portion of the Ordinance be found invalid, it does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 5 Section 5 of the Ordinance provides that all other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6 Section 6 of the Ordinance provides its effective date.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE UTILITY-SCALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

Section 1 Section 1 of the Ordinance adds a new Approval Standard 23 to section 12.06 of the Zoning Ordinance to comprehensively regulate utility-scale battery energy storage systems including, among other things, setbacks, noise, and location, and regulations in light of PA 233 of 2023.

Section 2 Section 2 of the Ordinance amends Table 12.05.A of the Zoning Ordinance to provide where Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems are permitted in the Township.

Section 3 Section 3 of the Ordinance adds a renewable energy overlay zoning district to section 4.01 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4 Section 4 of the Ordinance creates a Renewable Energy Overlay (“RO”) zoning district consisting of approximately 516 acres:

Parcel Numbers:

007-003-007-00 (5799 N Derby Rd), 007-003-010-01 (5647 Derby Rd), 007-003-003-30 (5799 N Derby Rd), 007-003-001-00 (N Lk Montcalm/Musson), 007-002-007-00 (N Lk Montcalm/Musson), 007-002-008-01 (5450 N Musson Rd), 007-002-009-00 (5450 N Musson Rd), 007-002-011-00 (N Carlsen Rd)

Section 5 Section 5 of the Ordinance provides that should any portion of the Ordinance be found invalid, it does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 6 Section 6 of the Ordinance provides that all other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 7 Section 7 of the Ordinance provides its effective date.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF DOUGLASS  
TOWNSHIP OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE TIMELINE FOR PURSUING VIOLATIONS  
OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Section 1 Section 1 of the Ordinance states its purpose.

Section 2 Section 2 of the Ordinance amends Section 21.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a timeline for violations.

Section 3 Section 3 of the Ordinance provides that should any portion of the Ordinance be found invalid, it does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 4 Section 4 of the Ordinance provides that all other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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