

ORDINANCE NO. 2024- ____

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON FILING AND ACCEPTING ANY NEW APPLICATIONS FOR LARGE-SCALE SOLAR FARMS UNTIL APRIL 3, 2025

WHEREAS, the LaPorte Planning Commission conducted a duly authorized, noticed, and debated public hearing on _____, during which a request for a moratorium prohibiting large-scale SES (“over 45,000 sq. ft.”) was addressed.

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Planning Commission, upon consideration and upon receipt of public comment, believes that changes to the County’s solar ordinance are necessary to allow for appropriate and orderly development of Large-scale SES and to adequately protect the County and its residents.

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Planning Commission also adopted a motion to have the Plan Commission convene a committee to study additional possible amendments to the solar ordinance and to present proposed changes to the Plan Commission and/or County Commissioners for adoption.

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Planning Commission believes that a moratorium on the filing and acceptance of any new applications for Large-scale SES during this study period is necessary to ensure the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to maintain the status quo until such time as the Plan Commission can consider appropriate amendments, hold a public hearing on any proposed amendment, and until the Commissioners approve any such proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAN COMMISSION OF LAPORTE, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. A moratorium shall be imposed upon the County commencing _____, prohibiting the acceptance, review, filing, or approval, of any application by any person, firm, or entity seeking to place or install a Large- scale SES on any property in Laporte County, Indiana**
- 2. Unless extended, this moratorium shall remain in place until noon, _____**

DULY ADOPTED by the LaPorte County Planning Commission at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on this, _____

LAPORTE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

Joe Haney, President