

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9-1

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM
ON CHAPTER 17.49
WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the County of Sangamon ("the County") previously approved, in Resolution No. 7-1, an ordinance establishing an initial nine (9) month moratorium on the County processing or acting upon any Conditional Permitted Use application for the construction and operation of a wind energy conversion system within the boundaries of the County pursuant to Chapter 17.49 of the County Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the County utilized the initial moratorium period to conduct multiple public hearings and gather a large amount of public input which will assist it in studying and debating the standards applicable to wind energy conversion systems and their impact on public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the County requires additional time to evaluate and analyze the impact of wind energy conversion systems and to allow both proponents and opponents of amendments to Chapter 17.49 of the County Zoning Code the opportunity to process information obtained at the public meetings and marshal informed arguments; and

WHEREAS, the County desires an objective and dispassionate evaluation of possible amendments to Chapter 17.49, independent of any particular application for Conditional Permitted Use for wind energy conversion systems; and

WHEREAS, no application for Conditional Permitted Use or other zoning approval, relating to the construction of a wind energy conversion system, is currently pending before the County, nor has any such application been granted by the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session this 6th day of September, 2012 as follows:

SECTION I

The above recitals are hereby specifically incorporated into the terms of this ordinance. Based on these recitals, the County hereby extends the moratorium in Resolution No. 7-1 through December 12, 2012.

SECTION II

This ordinance hereby repeals and supersedes, for the time described in Section I, any and all ordinances, sections, articles or provisions of the Sangamon County Code that conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict.

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SECTION III

During this moratorium extension, the County intends to analyze and evaluate the information gathered at public hearings relating to wind energy conversion systems and consider potential amendments to Chapter 17.49 of the County Zoning Code; and, if the County determines to potentially amend Chapter 17.49 of the County Zoning Code, undertake the text amendment process with the Public Health, Safety, and Zoning Committee, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the full County Board in accordance with all applicable legal requirements.

SECTION IV

That during the existence of this extended moratorium or any further extension thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to construct or establish a wind energy conversion system within the boundaries of the County.

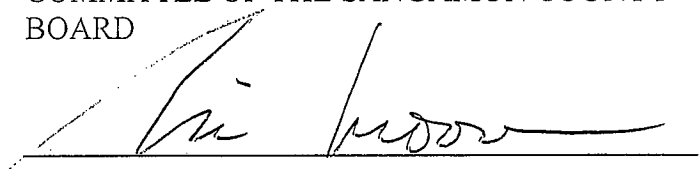
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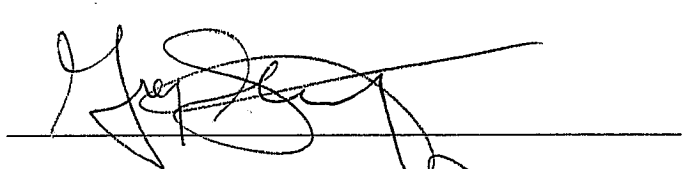
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

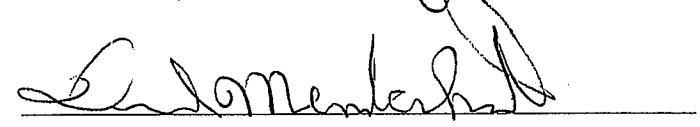
Signed and passed by the Sangamon County Board in session on this 6th day of September, 2012.

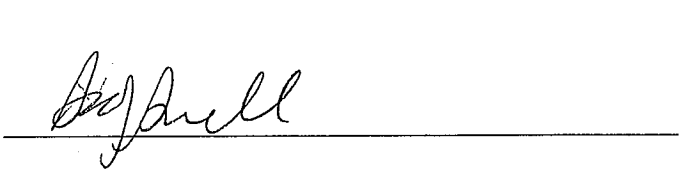
Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & ZONING
COMMITTEE OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY
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