Fountain County Plan Commission's Certification Of Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

The Fountain County Advisory Plan Commission, under Indiana Code §36-7-4-605 and 607, hereby certifies to the Fountain County Board of Commissioners proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed text amendments are attached.

The Plan Commission believes the proposed text amendments are consistent with Indiana Code §36-7-4-600 and otherwise comply with Indiana Code §36-7-4 and all other legal requirements.

The Plan Commission held a properly noticed public hearing on the proposed text amendment on April 24, 2025, which proposed that Article 9, Section 9.06 of the Fountain County Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows:

9.06 CSES Permits. Prior to constructing a CSES, an application for a CSES Permit must be filed with the Zoning Administratior by the property owners of the parcels within the proposed CSES, or their authorized agent (including, but not limited to, the developer of the proposed CSES). The applicant must submit to the Zoning Administrator a conceptual site plan which includes the general footprint of the CSES, the approximate number of panels, the maximum generating capacity, the general location of all fences, electrical poles and lines, the location of all other equipment and structures, the general location of all access roads and right-of-way, a general road use plan for construction, general specifications for equipment, compliance with all applicable industry standards and safety codes, and Federal Aviation Administration rules and regulations (collectively the "CSES Plan"). Within 15 days of receipt of an application for a CSES permit, the Zoning Administrator will determine whether the application is complete. The Zoning Administrator will notify the applicant in writing of his determination. If the application is complete, the application will be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator as a request for a CSES Permit, as provided for in Article 9. If the application is not complete, the applicant must provide to the Zoning Administrative the supplemental information within sixty (60) days. If the applicant fails to provide the supplemental materials for the application in a timely manner, the application will be dismissed.

Provided, however, a moratorium is hereby imposed on the filing and acceptance of any new application for permits under this Article, and this moratorium will commence upon the passing of this amendment and end on December 30, 2026.

When considering the proposed text amendment, the Plan Commission paid reasonable regard to (1) the Comprehensive Plan; (2) current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district; (3) the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted; (4) the conservation of property values throughout Fountain County; and, (5) all other appropriate considerations promoting responsible development and growth.

After proper consideration, a majority of the Plan commission members voted to certify the proposed text amendments to the Board of Commissioners with:

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Dated: April 24	1, 2025			

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This certification is made on April 24, 2025, by a majority of the Fountain County Advisory Plan Commission, as follows:

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Proposed Text Amendment

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Notice of Public Hearing to
Consider Proposed
Text Amendments to the
Fountain County Zoning
Ordinance

The Fountain County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the adoption of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for the County. The meeting will be held in the Fountain County Courthouse's Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 301 Fourth Street, Covington, Indiana 47932. The proposed amended Zoning Ordinance, if adopted, will apply to all unincorporated areas in Fountain County.

areas in Fountain County. The proposed text amendments suspend Article 9, which permits and regulates Solar Farms and Facilities in Agriculture and Industrial Zoning Districts, extending the current moratorium period as it applies to commercial solar energy systems to give the County time to further evaluate and analyze the impact of commercial solar energy systems development on the County and their compliance with the Fountain County Comprehensive Plan and Indiana law.

The proposed ordinance contains the following penalty provisions:

VIOLATIONS AND PENAL-TIES: Any structure or use that violates this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a common nuisance and the owner of the structure or land shall be liable for maintaining a common nuisance. Any person or legal entity that is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of this Ordinance may be fined not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per offenses, plus costs, and attorney fees where the action is not brought pursuant to I.C. 36-7-4-1013, and have judgment entered accordingly. Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Zoning Ordin-

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written objections with APC Chair Jon Schrock, 301 Fourth Street, Covington, Indiana 47932 before the public hearing. All such written objections will be considered by the Plan Commission.

A copy of the proposed text amendments is on file and may be examined at the Fountain County Website & Assessor's office at 301 Fourth Street, Covington, Indiana 47932 (765-793-2243), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Fountain County Auditor's office at 301 Fourth Street, Covington, Indiana 47932 (765-793-2243)

This notice dated March 21, 2025

Jon Schrock, APC Chair

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