

NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF JONESFIELD

COUNTY OF SAGINAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Public Hearing is Scheduled for June 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jonesfield Township Hall at 217 N. Eddy Street Merrill, Michigan to Hear Public Comments Concerning DRAFT ORDINANCES AMENDING THE JONESFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS AND LARGE AND SMALL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF JONESFIELD, SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS

This ordinance shall pertain to Large-Scale Wind Energy Facilities. Applicants for Wind Energy Facilities must present site plans that must be reviewed and approved by the Township Planning Commission for special use approval.

The ordinance sets forth the requirements for a Large-Scale Wind Energy Facility such as requiring specific setbacks from inhabited structures, shadow flicker, noise level, red flashing lights and zoning district restrictions.

The wind energy facilities require a minimum of three million dollars per occurrence in liability insurance or adequate proof of self-coverage.

The wind energy facilities require an Avian Analysis, avoidance of obstructions to air traffic, visual appearance, lighting, power lines, setback, separation and security requirements, sound pressure levels, minimum ground clearance requirements, shadow flicker requirements, signal interference requirements, safety requirements and inspections.

The applicant for a wind energy facility must submit a decommissioning plan if the system is no longer in use.

LARGE AND SMALL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES

This ordinance shall pertain to large (commercial) and small (homeowner) solar energy facilities. Applicants for either size facilities must present site plans that must be reviewed and approved by the Township Planning Commission for special use approval.

The ordinance sets forth the requirements for Large or Small Scale Solar Facilities including zoning district restrictions, detailed maintenance plan, environmental considerations, glare, height and fencing.

The large scale commercial solar facility will require a minimum of three million dollars per occurrence in liability insurance or adequate proof of self-coverage.

The applicant for a solar energy facility must submit a decommissioning plan if the system is no longer in use.

These Ordinances shall take effect and be enforced thirty (30) days after their publication.

This is a summary of the enacted Ordinances pursuant to MCL 125.3401. A full, complete, and true copy of these draft ordinances may be inspected or obtained from the Jonesfield Township Clerk by calling 989-860-9117 or copies will be available at the Merrill District Library at 321 W. Saginaw Street, Merrill, Michigan. It is also posted on the township's website, Jonesfield.com. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to the Jonesfield Township Planning Commission, PO Box 117, Merrill, Michigan 48637, placed in the Township drop box or delivered the day of the Public Hearing.

On the day of the public hearing, Request to Speak Cards will be available and everyone who wishes to speak will have an opportunity. If anyone has special needs or needs assistance to attend and speak, please call 989-327-8831 and reasonable accommodations will be made.

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