

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05  
TOWN OF DOVER  
RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

A RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM  
ON DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE  
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF DOVER.

RECITALS

1. A "solar energy system" is an electricity generating facility consisting of one or more arrays of solar energy collection cells, panels, mirrors or lenses under common ownership or operating control, and includes, necessary structures, braces, plumbing, substations, cables/wires, electrical transformers, transformer pads, and other buildings accessory to such facility, whose main purpose is to supply electricity to off-site customer(s).
2. There is an interest in establishing solar energy systems in the Town of Dover.
3. There exist potential health, safety, and environmental issues related to the construction of large solar energy systems including, but not limited to, electrical connections, electric and magnetic fields, structure failure, and chemical exposure.
4. The Town currently has no ordinance providing guidance and regulation on the siting, development and construction of solar energy systems but the Town Board is concerned that the lack of an ordinance creates potential issues regarding the protection the public health and safety.
5. Given the irreparable and unknown harm that may be caused by operation of large solar energy systems, the Town Board finds that immediate action is warranted.
6. The Town Board wishes to impose a moratorium for only such time as is prudent and necessary to allow the Town to complete the preparation and adoption of an appropriate ordinance regarding solar energy systems.
7. The Town Board has the charge of Town affairs pursuant to Wis. Stat. 60.22(1) and has been authorized under Wis. Stat. 60.10(2)(c) to exercise Village powers.
8. The Town is in the process of creating and adopting an ordinance that will provide a review and permitting process and ensure the health and safety standards for large solar energy systems. This review may include, but is not limited to, retaining experts in the fields of engineering, law, real estate, public health and environmental protection.
9. Racine County is also in the process of creating and adopting such an ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the above recitals and pursuant to Sections 60.22(1) and 60.22(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and any and all other sources of authority that authorize the adoption of

this resolution, the Town Board of the Town of Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin, does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The Town hereby establishes a Temporary Solar Energy System Moratorium to stay the development and construction of large solar energy systems in the Town to allow for the creation and adoption of an ordinance to provide guidance and regulation in the development of such facilities. During the temporary stay provided by this ordinance it shall be unlawful to install or construct any large solar energy system or part thereof, and the Town shall not accept or process any applications relating to the proposed construction of any large solar energy system.

2. The moratorium shall continue for three (3) months from the adoption date of this resolution or the adoption of an ordinance regulating solar energy systems. The stay may be continued for an additional three (3) months by resolution of the Town Board but shall not continue for any later than six (6) months from the adoption date of this ordinance.

3. Scope. The temporary stay provided by this Ordinance shall apply throughout the Town.

4. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and publication or posting, as provided by law.


The above and foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

THE TOWN OF DOVER

By:

  
Town Chairman Sam Stratton

ATTEST:

  
Clerk