

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-28

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TEMPORARY, STRATEGIC MORATORIUM ON
THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY
SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Shelby County, Indiana, as the executive and legislative body of Shelby County, have the power to adopt ordinances relating to the administration of Shelby County government,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seeks to foster desirable growth in an orderly and well considered manner within Shelby County,

WHEREAS, Shelby County last amended the Commercial Solar Energy System (CSES) Standards via Ord. 2020-26, an amendment to Shelby County Ord. 2018-07, in December of 2020,

WHEREAS, the economic landscape, energy market, federal policy, and knowledge base associated with CSES projects has evolved substantially,

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Bill 411 and the Governor of Indiana subsequently signed into law legislation establishing default standards for commercial solar and wind energy systems in March of 2022,

WHEREAS, Purdue University, via the Purdue Extension Community Development Office, released an evaluation and study of Indiana counties' current zoning ordinances as compared to the voluntary standards enacted in Indiana Code 8-1-42,

WHEREAS, the Purdue University study concluded that Shelby County Ord. 2020-26 addressed 5 out of 11 categories discussed in IC 8-1-42 and related standards,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, seek to ensure Shelby County utilizes best practices and expertise that has developed since Ord. 2020-26 was enacted,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believe that a strategic moratorium on the processing of applications related to the development of CSES projects is necessary to ensure Shelby County's CSES regulations align with Indiana Code 8-1-42 and incorporate the most recent best practices associated with CSES installations, their construction, maintenance, and decommissioning,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA,

A moratorium shall be enacted within Shelby County commencing July 31, 2023 for the filing, processing, review, or acceptance of all new applications related to CSES installations. Said strategic moratorium shall remain in place until noon, January 31, 2024.

Duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Shelby County at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on the 14 day of August 2023.

Shelby County
Board of Commissioners



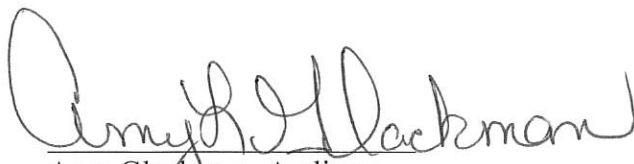
Don Parker, President

Kevin Nigh, Commissioner



Jason R. Abel, Commissioner

Attest:



Amy Glackman, Auditor
Shelby County, Indiana