

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-85-07

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON
THE ISSUANCE OF IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMITS FOR
CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County adopted Ordinance No. 2022-85-14, a Zoning Ordinance for the Unincorporated Areas of Wabash County, Indiana, and the Towns of LaFontaine, Lagro, and Roann, Indiana ("Zoning Ordinance")

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2022, the Governor of Indiana signed Public Law 163 (HB 1209) into law, which added IC 14-39-2 to the Indiana Code as a new chapter, which provided an authorization framework for carbon sequestration projects within Indiana.

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance currently fails to provide any regulations related to carbon sequestration projects within Wabash County, which omission constitutes a defect in the Zoning Ordinance that should be corrected before any improvement location permits for structures related to carbon sequestration projects in an any zoning district are issued.

WHEREAS, the Wabash County Plan Commission initiated a proposal to adopt an ordinance to impose a temporary moratorium on the issuance of improvement location permits for carbon sequestration projects, including any carbon dioxide transmission line, carbon dioxide injection well, storage facility, and all appurtenant facilities, in order to amend the Zoning Ordinance to address issues related to carbon sequestration projects.

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission timely gave notice to interested parties and held a public hearing in accordance with I.C. 36-7-4-604.


WHEREAS, the Plan Commission timely certified its recommendation on the proposal in accordance with I.C. 36-7-4-605, thereby recommending its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is now imposed a temporary moratorium on the issuance of an improvement location permit for any structure related to any carbon sequestration project, including but not limited to any carbon dioxide transmission line, carbon dioxide injection well, storage facility, and all appurtenant facilities, in all zoning districts in the unincorporated areas of Wabash County, pending adoption of an ordinance amending the Wabash County Zoning Ordinance to provide regulations related to carbon sequestration projects within Wabash County.
2. This Ordinance shall be effective in the unincorporated areas of Wabash County upon its adoption. This Ordinance shall be effective in the incorporated areas of the Towns of LaFontaine, Lagro, and Roann, Indiana upon its adoption by the appropriate legislative body.

ADOPTED this 2 day of June, 2025.

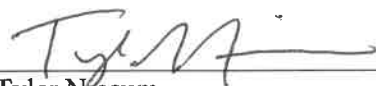
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