**Application for Designation**

**Wind Energy Ready Community**

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**Applicant Information**

Name of Unit of Government (must be a county or municipality): Click or tap here to enter text.

Governing body that holds the authority and provides oversight for the unit’s local standards: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Point of Contact for Application:

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Secondary Point of Contact for Application:

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**Local Wind Standards**

Part A. Type of Local Standards.

Indicate which type of local or project-level standards are used for this application. A copy of the standards must be provided as a part of the application package.

[ ]  Regulations. Standards that have been adopted and enacted through regulations at the unit level include but are not limited to zoning, planning, or ordinances.

[ ]  Contract. Standards that have been outlined through a legally binding contract between the unit and the project owner, which is generally specific to a project.

[ ]  Economic Development Agreement. Standards that have been outlined through a legally binding economic development agreement between the unit and the project owner, which are generally specific to a project.

Part B. Project Standards.

Local standards cannot be more restrictive, directly or indirectly, than the voluntary default standards set forth by [IC 8-1-41](https://iga.in.gov/laws/2024/ic/titles/8#8-1-41), which includes the following:

IC 8-1-41-10 - Setback requirements

IC 8-1-41-11 - Shadow flicker

IC 8-1-41-12 - Signal interference

IC 8-1-41-13 - Sound level limitations

IC 8-1-41-14 - Light mitigation technology

IC 8-1-41-15 - Damage to drainage infrastructure

IC 8-1-41-16 - Decommissioning and site restoration plan

1. Indicate which applies in relation to the voluntary default standards set forth by [IC 8-1-41](https://iga.in.gov/laws/2024/ic/titles/8#8-1-41).

[ ]  a. Use of default standards in whole, with exact 1:1 language consistent with IC 8-1-41. If checked, skip question 2 and move to question 3.

[ ]  b. Use of default standards in part, with one or more standards similar but not identical or consistent with IC 8-1-41. If checked, complete question 2.

2. Complete this section if 1b was selected. Identify which of the local standards are not consistent with default standards in IC 8-1-41. For each box checked, provide the text of the local standard(s) and provide a justification that demonstrates the local standard(s) is not materially different, does not affect project viability, and is not more restrictive than the default standard. A letter of support from a relevant entity is required to demonstrate local standards are consistent with these requirements. A relevant entity is typically a local government representative or body, or an energy-based group, such as an electric utility or a project developer.

[ ]  IC 8-1-41-10 - Setback requirements; airport; public use highway, street, or road; nonparticipating properties; utility transmission or distribution line; undeveloped residential land; state park; corporate boundaries of municipality; blade tip height limitations; waiver of restrictions by nonparticipating party.

Provide local standard and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

[ ]  IC 8-1-41-11 - Shadow flicker; limits with respect to nonparticipating property; mitigation efforts; waiver of requirement with consent of nonparticipating property owners.

Provide local standard and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

[ ]  IC 8-1-41-12 - Signal interference

Provide local standard and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

[ ]  IC 8-1-41-13 - Sound level limitations; waiver of requirement with consent of affected property owners.

Provide local standard and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

[ ]  IC 8-1-41-14 – “Wind turbine light mitigation technology”; required after January 1, 2023; exceptions.

Provide local standard and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

[ ]  IC 8-1-41-15 - Damage to drainage infrastructure; repair; installation of new infrastructure.

Provide local standard and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

[ ]  IC 8-1-41-16 - Decommissioning and site restoration plan; posting of surety bond or equivalent security; required posting increments; adjustment of bond or security after periodic reevaluation of decommissioning costs; costs to be net of estimated salvage value.

Provide local standard and justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Do the local unit standards incorporated additional standards not listed or contemplated by [IC 8-1-41](https://iga.in.gov/laws/2024/ic/titles/8#8-1-41)?

[ ]  No. If checked, skip question 4 and move to Part C.

[ ]  Yes. If checked, complete question 4.

4. Complete this section if 1c was selected. List each additional local standard beyond the default standards and provide a justification that demonstrates how the local standard is consistent with industry and/or other regulatory standards and does not affect project viability. References and/or citations to industry and regulatory standards should be provided as applicable. A letter of support from a relevant entity is encouraged to demonstrate local standards are consistent with these requirements. A relevant entity is typically a local government representative or body, or an energy-based group, such as an electric utility or a project developer.

List each additional standard and provide justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Part C. Process Standards.

Provide a description and details on how the local unit includes each of the following:

1. Provides a clear and transparent process for project owners to identify potential project sites. The description should include a) the unit’s development process and procedures for potential projects including where to find the information online, b) how and where the unit provides an easily accessible map of potential development locations within the unit, and c) contact information for relevant unit officials or staff who can be reach for additional assistance.

Please describe: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Does not unreasonably eliminate portions of the unit for projects. In addition to the description, the applicant should include a map of the unit’s jurisdiction that denotes areas allowed for development, and if applicable, areas that are not allowed. If there are areas not allowed, provide a justification on why the area(s) are not allowed.

Please describe: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Provides for a fair review and approval process for projects, including final approval that cannot be revoked. The description should include, as applicable, a) the unit’s public review process including applicable local standards that govern the public review process, b) a documented public review of each wind energy development project(s) under consideration, c) the appeals process for members of the unit, and d) clear language that demonstrates commitment to the project(s), including commitments to financial incentives, permits, and other applicable project commitments.

Please describe: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Includes a specific plan for using any funds from an incentive granted by IOED for economic development purposes within or near the project(s) footprint, or otherwise benefit residents and businesses within or near the project(s) footprint. The plan can be described below, and if applicable, provided as an attachment.

Please describe: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Supporting Documentation**

As a part of the application, provide the following documents:

[ ]  Copy of the regulation(s), contract(s), or agreement(s) with the local standards clearly identified.

If the contract or agreement is considered confidential and cannot be released in the event of a public records request, please check here: [ ]

[ ]  Map(s) of the unit that clearly identifies the jurisdiction of the unit and where commercial development is allowed and if applicable, not allowed.

[ ]  Letter(s) of support from relevant entities. A relevant entity is typically a local government representative or body, or an energy-based group, such as an electric utility or a project developer.

[ ]  Other documentation that supports the application. Please list: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Affirmation and Demonstration of Commitment**

Review and affirm each statement by checking the boxes and signing below.

[ ]  The information in this application is complete and accurate. I acknowledge that I have the authority to submit this application and make commitments on behalf of the local unit of government.

[ ]  I acknowledge, on behalf of the local unit of government, that certification requires a demonstration of commitment to maintain the standards and procedural framework set forth in the unit’s wind energy regulation and/or standards, and to maintain all applicable zoning, land use, and planning regulations. This commitment must be at least 10 years from the project’s start date of full commercial operation or the date of IOED’s certification, whichever is later. By submitting this application for certification, I am affirming this commitment.

[ ]  I understand that if the information provided in this application changes, including any related local standard, the IOED must be notified immediately if the application is pending or within 30 days if our unit has been certified and designated as a Wind Energy Ready Community.

[ ]  I understand that if designated, IOED reserves the right to review the unit’s standards at its discretion after certification to ensure continued compliance with certification requirements.

[ ]  I acknowledge that any changes to the local unit standards may revoke certification, require re-certification, discontinue incentive grants, and/or require repayment of any funds received from the IOED, should funds be available and distributed to the local unit.

Signature: Click or tap here to enter text.

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap here to enter text.