

DALLAS TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ORDINANCE
FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

**Ordinance #14, Amendment #1
(Allows Residential Solar)
January 10, 2022**

At a regular meeting of the Dallas Township Board held in the Township Hall on the 10th day of January 2022, at 2:00 p.m., the following Ordinance Amendment was offered by board member E. Marvel and supported by board member T. Koenigsknecht.

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance #14, Temporary Moratorium Ordinance for Solar Energy Systems to continue the moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems for continued review, research and development of provisions within the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance that meet the needs of the Township and its land use goals related to allowing alternative energy and preserving agricultural uses and available land, while permitting Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems as viable alternative energy systems that have been found by the Planning Commission thus far to be less of a burden on the Township agricultural land use goals and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors to Dallas Township.

WHEREAS, the Dallas Township Board ("Township Board") recently enacted a temporary moratorium on solar energy systems within the Township to provide time for the Township Planning Commission to review the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance regulations related to Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems.

WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission has subsequently engaged in review of the solar regulations contained within the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance to discern any recommendations or changes the Township Planning Commission desires to make to the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance solar regulations.

WHEREAS, after an extensive review of the Township's prior solar provisions relating to Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems, the Planning Commission has indicated that it does not foresee extensive changes to current regulations within the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance. Currently, the prior provisions regulating Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems appear consistent with the Township's agricultural purpose and, as regulated, will not interfere with the Township's zoning and land use development goals to preserve land within the Township for existing and future agricultural uses.

WHEREAS, the temporary moratorium was enacted to include Non-Commercial Solar Energy System so as to avoid the development and construction of inconsistent land uses and accessory structures while the Township Board and Township Planning Commission research, review, and consider solar energy system regulations. Since, the Township Planning Commission does not

Systems, the Township Board finds it appropriate to remove Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems from the temporary moratorium.

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems shall be permitted in the Township as regulated under the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Dallas Township Board as follows:

DALLAS TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1: Amendment to Section 1 Moratorium. Ordinance Number 14, the Temporary Moratorium Ordinance for Solar Energy Systems, Section 1, Moratorium shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Moratorium. Dallas Township hereby temporarily prohibits the receipt of applications and issuance of all permits, licenses, and approvals for the construction or establishment of Commercial Solar Energy Systems pending further study, revisions, enactment, and effect of revised Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance regulations addressing the same. Applications, Permits, licenses, and approvals for the construction or establishment of Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems may be processed and issued consistent with the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance.

Section 2: Validity and Severability. Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3: Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4: Publication. This Ordinance or a summary thereof shall be promptly published in a newspaper of general circulation within Dallas Township, as provided by law.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication as required by law.

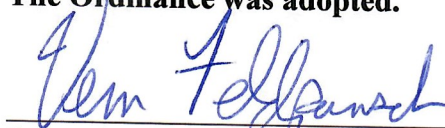
ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: V. Feldpausch; A. Schafer; E. Marvel; T. Koenigsknecht

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

The Ordinance was adopted.


_____,
Supervisor Vern Feldpausch, Dallas Township

CERTIFICATION

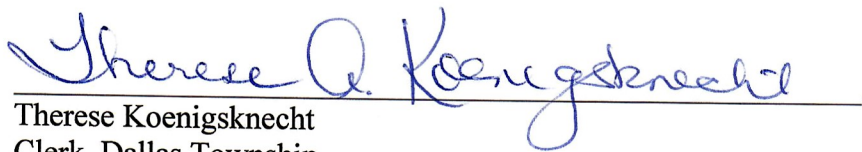
I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of the said Ordinance, adopted by the Dallas Township Board at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of that Township Board held on January 10, 2022, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

2. A summary of this Ordinance was duly published in the Clinton County New, a newspaper that circulates within Dallas Township, on January 16, 2022.

3. Within one (1) week after such publication, I recorded this Ordinance in a book of Ordinances kept by me for that purpose, including the date of passage of the Ordinance, the names of the members of the township board voting, and how each member voted.

4. I filed an attested copy of this Ordinance with the Clinton County Clerk on Tuesday, January 19, 2022.


Therese Koenigsknecht
Clerk, Dallas Township
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Please take notice that, on January 10, 2022 the Township Board of Dallas Township adopted Ordinance Number #14, Amendment #1, which amends a temporary moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses, or approvals for Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems within the Township, allowing such uses as regulated under the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained from the Township Clerk at 225 South Main Street, Fowler MI 48835-0297.

The Ordinance has the following sections and catch lines: Section 1: Amendment to Section 1 Moratorium, which allows the issuance of any permits and all construction or development for Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems as regulated under the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance; Section 2: Validity and Severability; Section 3: Repeal; Section 4: Publication; and Section 5: Effective Date, which is immediately after this publication.

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