

**A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA
FOR THE NEXTERA SOLAR PROJECT**

Resolution No. 8 of 2022

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioner for Starke County, Indiana (the “**Board**”), is responsible for the performance of various functions for Starke County, Indiana (the “**County**”); and

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 6-1.1-12.1 empowers the County Council of Starke County, Indiana (the “**Council**”) to designate an Economic Revitalization Area (“**ERA**”) by following a procedure involving the adoption of a preliminary resolution, provision for public notice, conducting a public hearing, and adoption of a final confirmatory resolution, or a modified version thereof; and

WHEREAS, NextEra Solar (“**NextEra Solar**”) has requested that the parcels further described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and located at locations within Starke County described by the maps included in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be designated as an ERA for the purpose of achieving a deduction to assessed valuation (property-tax abatement) in connection with redevelopment activity occurring on the affected properties (the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, the Council has received evidence regarding whether the area should be designated as an ERA, and substantial evidence was provided that established that the Project satisfies the standards set forth under the Indiana Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

1. The Council now adopts and approves this Preliminary Resolution and hereby establishes the affected parcels as an Economic Revitalization Area for a period of Forty (40) years.
2. The Economic Revitalization Area allows abatement of property taxes attributable to redevelopment or rehabilitation activities and the installation of new manufacturing equipment, all as defined in Ind. Code § 6-1.1-12.1-1 and permitted under Ind. Code § 6-1.1-12.1-3 and Ind. Code § 6-1.1-12-4.5.
3. Such redevelopment or rehabilitation activities and such manufacturing equipment as described in Section 2, above, are limited strictly to investments made for the purpose of generating electricity from solar energy for the public grid and to activities and equipment in direct support of such efforts, or for other purposes related thereto and fully compliant with the Starke County zoning code, as may be amended from time to time, and any actions taken by the Starke County Advisory Planning Commission or the Starke County Board of Zoning Appeals in their efforts to enforce and interpret such applicable ordinances and zoning.

4. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Starke County Assessor.
5. A copy of this Resolution and a description of the deduction to assessed valuation to be requested by the petitioner shall be provided to each affected taxing unit.
6. The Council hereby fixes 4:40 p.m. (CST) on April 19, 2022, in the Starke County Board Room, located at 53 E. Mound St., Knox, IN 46534, as the time, date, and location for a public hearing for receiving remonstrances and objections from interested persons prior to the adoption of a final confirmation resolution, designating the affected parcels as an Economic Revitalization Area and considering any deduction to assessed valuation requested by the petitioner.

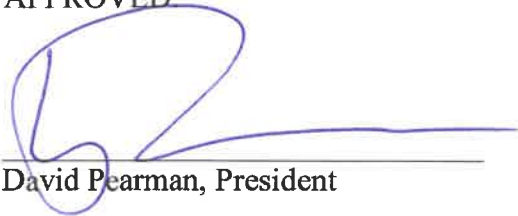
Section II.
Effective Date

1. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Board of Commissioners, and as of the date set forth, below.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OF STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

THE STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA COUNTY COUNCIL:

APPROVED:



David Pearman, President

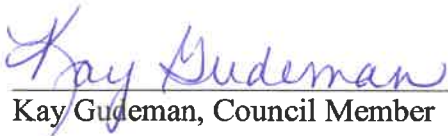
OPPOSED:

David Pearman, President

Absent

Brad Hazelton, Council Member

Brad Hazelton, Council Member



Kay Gudeman, Council Member

Kay Gudeman, Council Member

Absent

Todd Leinbach, Council Member

Todd Leinbach, Council Member



Howard Bailey, Council Member

Howard Bailey, Council Member



Don White, Council Member

Don White, Council Member



Don Binkley, Council Member

Don Binkley, Council Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Oesterreich, County Auditor