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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING  
A FUND FOR THE RECEIPT OF SOLAR EXPENSE FUNDS  
FOR STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

Ordinance No. 005 of 2023

**WHEREAS**, the County Council for Starke County, Indiana (the “**Council**”), is responsible for the performance of various fiscal responsibilities for Starke County, Indiana (the “**County**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County is expecting to receive applications for permits, as well as requests for abatements and other County-level incentives from commercial solar companies; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to establish a fund for the receipt of moneys from any commercial solar company applying for permits, abatements, and other County-level expenses, for any and all costs related to engineering, accounting, legal, and other professional services for any work performed by the County for the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the County undertakes the establishment of this fund to alleviate any burden to the County taxpayer, so that any and all fees related to any commercial solar permit, abatement, or other incentive is not payable from County tax moneys.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of Starke County, Indiana, that the following Ordinance Establishing a Fund for the Receipt of Solar Expense Funds for Starke County, Indiana, is hereby adopted as follows:

**Section I.**  
Establishment

1. **The Starke County Solar Expense Fund.** Be it now resolved that the Starke County Auditor is hereby authorized to create a new Fund for the receipt of the aforementioned funds. Such fund shall be called the Starke County Solar Expense Fund, Fund #4120 (the “**Fund**”).
2. **Non-Reverting.** The Fund shall be a perpetual fund, and expenditures can be made from the Fund only for those purposes as enumerated in this Ordinance.
3. **Authorized Use of Funds.** Moneys received by the Fund enumerated in this Ordinance may be used for the following permitted purposes:
  - (A) Engineering, Accounting and Legal Expenses related to any and all work performed for the County by any engineer, accountant or attorney related to Commercial Solar Installations or other solar-related matter. This shall include all engineering, accounting, and legal expenses for any permit, abatement, or other County-level incentive sought by any commercial solar company.

**Section II.**

Effective Date

1. **Effective Date.** The Starke County Litigation Settlement Fund shall be established as of the date of passage of this Ordinance, and shall be of perpetual existence, or until this Ordinance is duly repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA,  
THIS 17 DAY OF June, 2023.

**STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

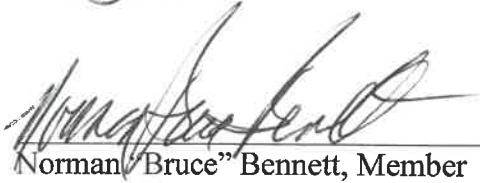
APPROVED:

OPPOSED:



Dave Pearman, President

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Norman "Bruce" Bennett, Member


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**ATTEST:**



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Rachel Oesterreich, Auditor  
Starke County, Indiana