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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of February, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Starke County, Indiana, adopted **Ordinance No. 03 of 2026**.

Title of Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS).

Summary of Provisions: The Ordinance extends the previously adopted moratorium (Ordinance No. 06-2025) on the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

The Board of Commissioners determined that the current Zoning Ordinance fails to provide regulations related to BESS projects, constituting a defect that must be corrected before permits are issued. To allow time to correct this defect, the moratorium is hereby extended through **July 25, 2026**.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective in the unincorporated areas of Starke County upon its adoption.

Availability of Text: A full copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection in the **Starke County Planning and Building Department** and the **Starke County Auditor's Office**.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2026.

Issued by: Board of Commissioners of Starke County
Attest: Starke County Auditor