

RESOLUTION 2026-PC-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
CONCERNING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND TEXT OF THE STARKE
COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND EXTEND ORDINANCE 06 OF 2025

WHEREAS: That the Starke County Board of Commissioners wishes to make certain changes and amendments to the Starke County Zoning Ordinance concerning Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), said proposal identified as 25-PC-01; and

WHEREAS: A public hearing was held on February 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. concerning this matter by the Starke County Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS: Notice was provided according to law concerning said public hearing; and

WHEREAS: The Starke County Plan Commission passes and adopts this Resolution to make the following findings and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

1. That attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is 25-PC-01, the Certified Proposal to Amend the Starke County Zoning Ordinance Regarding a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), as originated by the Starke County Board of Commissioners, which contains the proposed amendments to the Starke County Zoning Ordinance.
2. That in considering the above amendments, the Starke County Plan Commission has given due consideration:
 - A. To be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan;
 - B. To be consistent and compatible with the current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district;
 - C. To provide for the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted;
 - D. To provide for the conservation of property values throughout Starke County; and
 - E. To provide for the responsible growth and development of Starke County.That the Starke County Plan Commission finds that the above-stated reasons are sufficient to support the amendments as set forth above.
3. That Notice of said public hearing was given by the Starke County Plan Commission in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-4-604, via publication in The Leader newspaper.
4. That the Starke County Plan Commission hereby certifies and forwards this Resolution to the Starke County Board of Commissioners with a favorable recommendation, to extend the Ordinance 06-2025 through July 25, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION THIS 11TH
DAY OF February 11th 2026.

STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE 03 of 2026

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Starke County has previously adopted Zoning Ordinances for the unincorporated areas of Starke County, for its proper and effective development. (“Zoning Ordinance”)

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinances of Starke County currently fail to provide any regulations related to BESS projects within Starke County, which omission constitutes a defect in the Zoning Ordinance that should be corrected before any improvement location permits for structures related to hyperscale data projects in any zoning district are issued.

WHEREAS, the Starke County Plan Commission initiated a proposal to adopt an ordinance to impose a temporary moratorium on the development of BESS for 12 months, in Ordinance 06-2025, and desires to now extend this moratorium through July 25, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission timely gave notice to interested parties and held a public hearing in accordance with I.C. 36-7-4-604.

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission timely certified its recommendation on the proposal in accordance with I.C. 36-7-4-607(e)(1) and I.C. 5-14-1.5-5, thereby recommending its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Board has provided for consideration at its regularly scheduled meeting of 17 Feb 26, conducted pursuant to I.C. 36-7-4-603, giving consideration to all terms of this Ordinance and the Resolution of the Plan Commission, does hereby adopt the Plan Commission proposal as certified.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Ordinance No. 06-2025 is hereby extended through July 25, 2026.
2. This Ordinance shall be effective in the unincorporated areas of Starke County upon its adoption. Pursuant to IC 36-7-4-610(b) this copy shall be available in the office of the Starke County Plan Commission.

ADOPTED this 17 day of February, 2026.

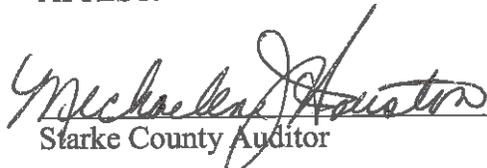
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY







ATTEST:


Starke County Auditor