



**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING**  
STARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
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**RESOLUTION 2026-PC-13**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION**  
**CONCERNING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND TEXT OF THE STARKE**  
**COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS:** The Starke County Board of Commissioners wishes to amend **Section 6-5-2(D)** of the Starke County Code to establish equitable fee standards by removing the agricultural structure exemption, said proposal identified as 2026-PC-13; and

**WHEREAS:** A public hearing was held on **May 20, 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 2026-PC-13, the Certified Proposal to Amend Section 6-5-2(D) of the Starke County Code regarding Improvement Location Permit and Plats. To be effective upon approval by the Starke County Commissioners.
2. That in considering the above ordinance, the Starke County Plan Commission has given due consideration:
  - To ensure that all development within the jurisdiction of Starke County is treated equitably concerning administrative and permitting fees;
  - To remove the disparity in the administration of development standards by striking the agricultural fee exemption.

The Starke County Plan Commission finds that the above-stated reasons are sufficient to support the adoption of the ordinance as set forth above.

3. That Notice of said public hearing was provided by the Starke County Plan Commission in accordance with **IC 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**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION THIS**  
**20TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.**

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**STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION**

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**Mike VanDeMark  
Plan Commission Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**John McCurrie III  
Plan Commission Secretary**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-5-2(D) OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF STARKE, INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of the County of Starke, Indiana, Section 6-5-2(D) currently dictates that there will be no fee requirement for permits issued for agricultural structures when such uses are for agricultural purposes;

**WHEREAS**, the Starke County Plan Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the County to treat all development equally by striking this exemption;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA:**

**SECTION 1: AMENDMENT STRUCTURE** Section 6-5-2 of the Code of the County of Starke, Indiana, is hereby amended by striking subsection (D) in its entirety. All other provisions of Section 6-5-2 remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 2: REVISION OF 6-5-2(D)**

Subsection (D) shall hereafter read as follows:

D. [Repealed]

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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**Mike VanDeMark, President**

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**Donny Binkley**

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**Charles Chesak**

**ATTEST:**

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**Michaelene Houston** Starke County Auditor

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