

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM

Date: 4/5/2023 Weekly Agenda Date: 4/11/2023

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Mark Nelson & Dan Bittinger

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Approval to direct Zoning to amend the language & setbacks in Ordinance #56 Sec 6.1(A) regarding City Limits & Public Conservation Areas

ACTION REQUIRED:

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| Approve Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> | Approve Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> | Approve Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: Informational <input type="checkbox"/> | Attachments <input type="checkbox"/> |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Woodbuy County's rural communities must have growth encouraged well into the future. Citing Wind Energy Converters (WECs) too close to city limits will hamper potential growth.

BACKGROUND:

Ordinance #56 specifies that WECs can be constructed 600ft or 110% of tower height away from city limits and public conservation areas. Many city officials, residents, and planners have expressed concern that the 600ft setback will drastically hamper potential city growth. Current setbacks to our county's conservation areas pose to hamper wildlife and residents/visitors who frequent wildlife areas

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

n/a

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes No

RECOMMENDATION:

We ask zoning to come up with verbiage to change ordinance #56 Sec 6.1(A) to accommodate a 2-mile setback from city limits as requested by city leaders and allowed by the Code of Iowa 414.23 (extraterritorial review), and to change the verbiage for setbacks for public conservation areas to 2,640ft or 4.5x tower height as recommended by the county conservation board.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

Direct zoning to draft an amendment to Ordinance 56 which increases wind turbine setbacks from city limits and county conservation areas.