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Pursuant to the Stark County Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance Amendment 8.12, which dictates Development Moratoriums in Stark County, North Dakota, and at the recommendation of the Stark County Planning and Zoning Commission and approval of the Stark County Board of County Commissioners, it is hereby NOTICED that Stark County declares a development moratorium on wind energy in the County of Stark, North Dakota, beginning on the 13th day of September, 2021, for a period not to exceed nine months, unless an extension is requested and approved by the Stark County Board of County Commissioners.

Let this document hereby serve as NOTICE that the development moratorium in Stark County, North Dakota, is limited to the acceptance, consideration, and/or approval of any wind energy conditional use permit applications in Stark County, North Dakota, from and after September 13, 2021, for a time not to exceed nine months, unless an extension is granted by the Stark County Board of County Commissioners.

The Stark County Board of County Commissioners does **HEREBY DECLARE** that the development moratorium in Stark County, North Dakota shall address and include, but may not be limited to, the current uncertainties of wind energy development and its effect on the safety, health, standard of living, and economic impacts of wind turbines in Stark County, North Dakota.

The Stark County Board of County Commissioners does **HEREBY DECLARE** that this development moratorium shall address reasonable setbacks and any other necessary restrictions or allowances regarding wind energy which the Stark County Board of County Commission, with the advice and counsel of the Stark County Planning and Zoning Commission; Stark County Planner; Stark County State's Attorney; citizens of Stark County, North Dakota; and any other interested party believe will benefit Stark County citizens.

FURTHER, this development moratorium seeks to allow for the gathering of relevant information that shall lead to an educated and informed decision regarding wind energy development in Stark County, ND as it relates to wind energy's potential impacts on Stark County's conservation of its unique wildlife, health of its waterways, commitment to its agricultural way of life, standard of living, weather conditions, and leisure activities.

FURTHER, this development moratorium seeks to address the potential impact on wind energy development in Stark County as is relevant to its unique geographical topography that allows for such activities as the development of its natural resources, conservation of its hunting game, and peace and enjoyment of its relatively rural environment.

Now, therefore, be it DECLARED and RECOGNIZED that a development moratorium, limited to wind energy, and as described in full herein, shall commence on September 13, 2021 and shall terminate on June 13, 2021 unless extended by a vote of the Stark County Board of County Commissioners. This development moratorium shall not exceed a period of twenty-four months from date of commencement.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chairman, Stark County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Karen Richard, Stark County Auditor.