

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2024**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WABASH, INDIANA REQUESTING THE PLAN COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WABASH TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL FOR AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR SOLAR FARMS AND WHETHER A MORATORIUM ON PERMITS FOR SOLAR FARMS UNTIL SPECIFIC REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED.**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana, hereinafter the "Council," pursuant to Indiana Code, has previously adopted a comprehensive plan for the orderly development and growth of the territory within the jurisdictional limits of the Wabash City Plan Commission, hereinafter the "Jurisdiction;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has also adopted a zoning ordinance to carry out the intent and purposes of the comprehensive plan developed for Jurisdiction and to provide for the enforcement thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the zoning ordinance, known as General Ordinance No. 1, 1995, as amended, passed by the Council on the 24th day of April 1995 and also found at Chapter 10 of the Wabash City Code, has provided for regulations for various uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the zoning ordinance does not currently include specific regulations for solar farms; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be beneficial to the orderly development and growth of the territory within the Jurisdiction and would further enhance the purposes and intent of the comprehensive plan to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide specific regulations for a Solar Farm use within the jurisdiction;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council for the City of Wabash, Indiana as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-4-608 requests that the Plan Commission for the City of Wabash (1) consider recommending to the Council an ordinance creating specific regulations for solar farms within the jurisdiction, and instituting a moratorium on taking any action on all requests to locate a Solar Farm within the Jurisdiction until specific regulations concerning solar farms has been developed and approved by the Council.

**SECTION 2.** When the Plan Commission considers the request of the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana, its recommendation should consider the following factors:

(A) securing adequate light, air, convenience of access, and safety from fire, flood, and other danger; (B) lessening or avoiding congestion in public ways; (C) promoting the public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general welfare; and (D) otherwise accomplishing the

purposes of Indiana Code 36-7-4-101 et seq.; (E) the Comprehensive Plan; (F) current conditions; (G) character of current structures and uses in each district; (H) the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted; (I) the conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction; and (J) responsible development and growth.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WABASH, INDIANA 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024.

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John Burnsworth, President, Common Council  
for the City of Wabash, Indiana

APPROVED this 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024.

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John Burnsworth,  
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Wabash

ATTEST:

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Melanie Givens Penn  
Clerk-Treasurer, City of Wabash