

# **ORDINANCE**

## **REGULATING THE SITING OF WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS IN IROQUOIS COUNTY**

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Title

This Ordinance shall amend the Iroquois County Zoning Ordinance and be known, cited and referred to as the Iroquois County Wind Energy Siting Ordinance.

B. Purpose

This Ordinance is adopted for the following purposes:

1. To assure that any development and production of wind-generated electricity in Iroquois County is safe and effective;
2. To assure the protection of health, safety, welfare, and property values for all Iroquois County residents and land owners.
3. To facilitate economic opportunities for local residents;
4. To promote the supply of wind energy in support of Illinois' Statutory goal of increasing energy production from renewable energy sources.

II DEFINITIONS

- A. "Applicant" means the entity or person who submits to Iroquois County, pursuant to Section V of this Ordinance, an application for the siting of any WECS or Substation.
- B. "Financial Assurance" means cash escrow.
- C. "Operator" means the entity responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the WECS, including any third party subcontractors.
- D. "Owner" means the entity or entities with an equity interest in the WECS(s), including their respective successors and assigns. Owner does not mean (i) the property owner from whom land is leased for locating the WECS (unless property owner has an equity interest in the WECS); or (ii) any person holding a security interest in the WECS(s) solely to secure an extension of credit, or a person foreclosing on such security interest provided that after foreclosure, such person seeks to sell the WECS(s) at the earliest practicable date.
- E. "Licensed Illinois Professional Engineer" means a qualified individual who is licensed as a professional engineer in Illinois.
- F. "L.A." refers to "Local Authority".
- G. "Primary Structure" means, for each property, the structure that one or more persons occupy the majority of time on that property for either business or