

**THIS IS A DRAFT INTERIM ORDINANCE TO BE PROPOSED AT THE
FEBRUARY 5, 2018 WAITE PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CITY OF WAITE PARK
ORDINANCE NO. 2018 - _____**

**AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM
ON ISSUANCE OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY PRODUCTION
FACILITIES WITHIN THE A-1, AGRICULTURAL/RURAL
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF WAITE PARK**

The City of Waite Park HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: Purpose and Intent

A. The City of Waite Park (the “City”) recognizes significant public interest in solar and wind energy production facilities. There has been an increased number of requests for solar production facilities within the A-1, Agricultural/Rural Residential District, and the City is also aware that solar companies are approaching landowners throughout the community to determine the interest in such facilities.

B. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow time to study the existing ordinances, consider new ordinances, ordinance amendments or additions specific to solar and wind energy production facilities.

C. Minnesota Statutes Section 462.355 allows the City to adopt a temporary interim ordinance for a period of up to twelve (12) months from the date it is effective to allow for such study and adoption of comprehensive plan, zoning and/or other official land use controls in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizens.

D. The City has concluded that a study is required related to solar and wind energy production facilities within the A-1, Agricultural/Rural Residential District.

E. There is a need for an interim ordinance to be adopted for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City until such a study has been completed.

SECTION 2: Prohibition

A. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 462.355, the City hereby adopts and approves this interim ordinance establishing a moratorium temporarily prohibiting the issuance of conditional use permits for construction of solar and wind energy production facilities within the A-1, Agricultural/Rural Residential District within the City of Waite Park.

B. During the effective period of this interim ordinance, the City will not accept any application or issue any conditional use permits for construction of solar and wind energy production facilities.

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SECTION 3: Effective Date and Duration

A. This interim ordinance shall exist for a period of six (6) months from and after its adoption.

B. This interim ordinance is adopted pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission of the City of Waite Park to the City Council on October 10, 2017. This interim ordinance is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Waite Park this 5th day of February, 2018, and shall be effective upon publication.

CITY OF WAITE PARK

By _____
Richard E. Miller
Mayor

ATTEST

By _____
Shaunna Johnson
City Administrator

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2018.