

**SPENCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2023- 04**

**RESOLUTION FOR MORATORIUM ON
COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**


WHEREAS, the County of Spencer has been the subject of an extreme amount of interest in development of Commercial Solar Energy Systems (CSES) as defined in Spencer County Ordinance 2021-11; and

WHEREAS, the Spencer County Board of Commissioners believes that based on the rapidly changing demand for CSES and the change in scope, size, and total impact on the County, that there should be additional evaluation and study of existing and future CSES before any additional CSES are approved;

1. **NOW THEREFORE** the Board of Commissioners resolves that Ordinance 2021-11 should be amended to suspend said ordinance for a one year period as it applies to Commercial Solar Energy Systems in order to give the County time to further evaluate and analyze the impact of CSES development on the County and their compliance with the Spencer County Comprehensive Plan and Indiana Code.
2. This Resolution shall not apply to those Accessory Use Solar Energy Systems as defined in 2021-11 which in general terms refers to solar energy systems installed by individuals and businesses for their own use.
3. This Resolution shall not apply to any CSES which has already been permitted by the Spencer County Board of Zoning Appeals as contingent uses, prior to the adoption of Ordinance 2021-11.
4. The Spencer County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Spencer County Advisory Commission to proceed as required by Indiana Code (36-7-4 600 series) to amend the existing 2021-11 ordinance for the purposes of imposing this one year moratorium on CSES.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED THIS 16th day of May, 2023.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA



Tom Brown

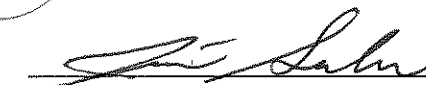
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