

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP  
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 96**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING UTILITY-SCALE SES MORATORIUM**

At a meeting of the Township Board of Manchester Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, (“Township”) held at the Manchester Township Hall, on the 14th day of June 2022, at 7:00 p.m., Fusilier moved to adopt the following Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Thompson.

*An ordinance to enact a temporary moratorium for a period of one year on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of any Utility-Scale SES projects.*

**WHEREAS**, the Township has adopted a zoning ordinance and other ordinances, including Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 90 (“Solar Ordinance”) which regulates, among other things, the Utility-Scale SES land use. A Utility-Scale SES generally is a utility-scale solar energy project designed for generating electricity for off-site users; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has applied the Solar Ordinance to zoning applications from developers desiring to locate a Utility-Scale SES in the Township. Due to concerns from the public and Township officials about appropriate regulations to regulate the Utility-Scale SES land use, among other issues associated with the Utility-Scale SES land use, the Township wishes to engage in a review of its existing Solar Ordinance and possibly revise regulations governing the Utility-Scale SES land use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has a legitimate purpose in addressing the proper design, size, location, and operation of Utility-Scale SESs in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is reasonably concerned that continued application of the Solar Ordinance could cause future Utility-Scale SESs to be established in inappropriate or inadvisable locations within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to forestall such issues for the Township and to enact a temporary moratorium on such Utility-Scale SES land uses until any necessary revised regulations can be enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township determines that the adoption of this ordinance, which is necessary to preserve the public peace, health, and safety by preventing the inappropriate location and establishment Utility-Scale SESs in the Township during the time needed to study, review, and potentially revise the Township’s current Solar Ordinance due to changed conditions within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, Manchester Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, Ordains:

**Section 1. Title:** This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Manchester Township Utility-Scale SES Moratorium.

**Section 2. Moratorium:** The Township enacts a temporary moratorium on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of all Utility-Scale SESs in the Township besides the proposed Thorn Lake Utility-Scale SES project, which has applied for requisite zoning approvals before the enactment of this Ordinance, for a period of one-year.

**Section 3. Severability:** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Repeal:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

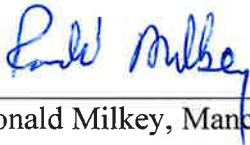
**Section 5. Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

YEAS: Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Seefeld, Thompson, Jarvis, Fusilier

NAYS:

ABSENT/ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.



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Ronald Milkey, Manchester Township Supervisor

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Manchester Township Board at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of the Township Board held on June 14, 2022, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of the above Ordinance was duly published in the Manchester Mirror newspaper, a newspaper that circulates within Manchester Township, on June 22, 2022.
3. Within 1 week after such publication, I recorded the above Ordinance in a book of ordinances kept by me for that purpose, including the date of passage of the ordinance, the names of the members of the Township Board voting, and how each member voted.
4. I filed an attested copy of the above Ordinance with the Washtenaw County Clerk on June 17, 2022.

ATTESTED:

  
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Danell Proctor, Manchester Township Clerk

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Notice of Adoption**

Please take notice that on June 14, 2022, the Township Board of Manchester Township adopted Ordinance No. 96, which imposes a one year moratorium on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of the Utility-Scale SES land use (utility-scale solar energy projects designed for generating electricity for off-site users) in the Township in order to allow appropriate time to study and potentially adopt revised regulations governing Utility-Scale SES. This moratorium excludes the proposed Thorn Lake Utility-Scale SES project, which has applied for requisite zoning approvals before the enactment of this Ordinance. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained from Danell Proctor, Manchester Township Clerk, at 275 S. Macomb St. Manchester, MI 48158 during regular business hours.

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Manchester Township, Washtenaw County

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