

RESOLUTION # 2021-15

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON
WIND FARM APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Board adopted a Wind Energy Conservation System Ordinance on May 9, 2016 (the "Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Board is aware of the desire to place wind turbines throughout the county by Scout Clean Energy; and

WHEREAS, substantial changes have occurred in the technology and practices for the construction and development of wind energy conversion systems since the County passed the Ordinance in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in preventing and abating any resulting nuisance from decommissioned commercial wind turbines though more robust decommissioning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate setback provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Zoning Board of Appeals will require substantial time to hold public hearings, gather information and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating or creating ordinances, policies and procedure; and

WHEREAS, certain laws governing renewable energy will sunset in 2021. In addition, the Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan is in its second draft stage and will substantially influence how the county shapes its renewable energy ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Board wishes to place a moratorium on wind energy to study the County's process for permitting any future wind energy system; and

WHEREAS, no application for construction of a wind energy conversion system is pending with the zoning board of appeals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Putnam County Board following review, consideration and discussion, that the Board have determined that a temporary moratorium on further development of wind energy conversion systems should be utilized to allow them to further study and resolve the concerns expressed by citizens at the August 9, 2021 County Board Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the Putnam County Board's desire to instruct the Putnam County Zoning Board of Appeals to review the conditions in the Ordinance, hold public hearings and make any changes to that ordinance by the March 14, 2022, Putnam County Board Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the Putnam County Zoning Board of Appeals has reviewed the conditions in the wind turbine ordinance and having made any changes to that section that the moratorium be ended by April 15, 2022 unless ended earlier by a county board resolution or extended prior to April 15, 2022 by a county board resolution.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of Putnam County, Illinois, this 27th day of August 2021, by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstain.

Roll Call:	<u>Aye:</u>	<u>Nay:</u>	<u>Abstain:</u>
Holly	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Holocker	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lenkaitis	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Malavolti	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Rue	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>





Charles Lenkaitis, Chairman
Putnam County Board

ATTEST:



Tina Dolder, Clerk
Putnam County Board