

EXHIBIT A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE HOWARD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES

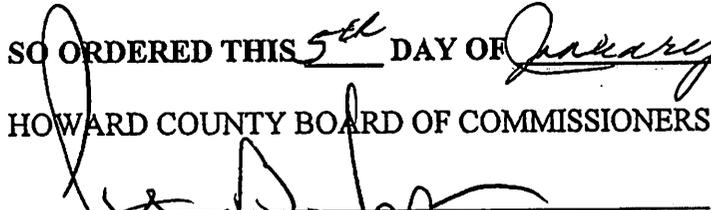
WHEREAS, the Howard County Board of Commissioners referred to the Howard County Plan Commission on August 14, 2014, and directed the Plan Commission to prepare a proposal to amend Sections 5.65 through 5.67 of the Howard County Zoning Ordinance in certain specified respects relating to Wind Energy Facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Plan Commission held a hearing on December 16, 2014, and makes the following proposal:

1. The Plan Commission recommends no changes be made to Article 5.65 concerning Small Wind Facilities.
2. The Plan Commission recommends amending Article 5.66(D) and 5.67(G)(1) to change the set back from 1500 feet to 2000 feet from the nearest Occupied Building.
3. The Plan Commission recommends that the sound standard for a medium and large Wind Energy Facility as set out in Article 5.67(P)(1) be amended to not exceed 40 dBA, rather than 50, as measured at the exterior of any Occupied Building on a non-participating landowner's property.
4. The Plan Commission recommends that all large wind turbines be placed under special exception uses in all zones which have medium and large Wind Energy Facilities in the Howard County Zoning Ordinance.
5. The Plan Commission recommends that Article 5.67(P) be amended to add: "3) Light shields shall be placed on all exterior lights."

SO ORDERED THIS 5th DAY OF January, 2015.

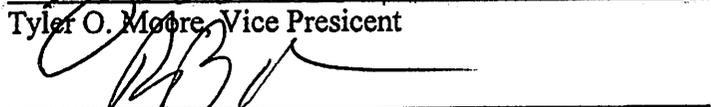
HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Paul G. Wyman, President



Tyler O. Moore, Vice President



Robert B. Bray, Member

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF INDIANA}
SS:
COUNTY OF HOWARD}

Greg Sheline, being first duly sworn upon his oath, according to law, disposes and says:

- 1) That he is the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Howard County Plan Commission, and
- 2) That the above and foregoing is a true and exact copy of an amendment to the Howard County Ordinance No. 2014 BCCO-41, as amended, and the same was considered by the Howard County Plan Commission at a public hearing held in the Hearing Room (No. 101) of the Howard County Government Center, at 7:00 p.m on the December 16, 2014 after due notice of such public hearing being published in the Kokomo Tribune and the Kokomo Herald newspaper at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.
- 3) By a resolution adopted by the majority of its members at said public hearing, the Howard County Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to the passage of said amendatory ordinance by the Board of Commissioners of Howard County, Indiana.

DATED THIS 5th day of January, 2015.



Greg Sheline, Secretary
Howard County Plan Commission

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 2015



Notary Public Dianne Trobaugh
A resident of Howard County

My Commission expires: February 1, 2020

This instrument was prepared by Stacey Paul, Secretary Howard County Plan Commission. I affirm under penalty of perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in the document unless required by law. Stacey Paul.