

**RESOLUTION #1003-01-02-2024**

**Resolution Approving a Moratorium on Utility Scale Solar Energy Conversion Systems**

**WHEREAS**, Utility Scale Solar Energy Conversion Systems means an electrical generating facility comprised of one or more Solar Arrays with the ability of producing 1MW of electricity and accessory facilities, including but not limited to power lines, transformers, and substations, that operate by converting the energy of sun into electrical power which may be used on-site or distributed into the electrical grid; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns have been raised by public officials regarding: the County's level of preparedness when it comes to the development of Utility Scale Solar Energy conversion projects within the county due to not having a current Utility Scale Solar Energy Conversion ordinance; and


**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors wishes to enact a moratorium on the development and construction of Utility Scale Solar Energy Conversion Systems and on issuing application for permits relating to such development and construction of Utility Scale Solar Energy Conversion Systems, for the term of 9 months, which may be extended upon resolution of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance that balances the rights of property owners seeking to have Utility Scale Solar Energy Conversion Systems on their property and be mindful of the health and safety of others.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Iowa, that a moratorium on the development and construction of Utility Scale Solar Energy Conversion Systems, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of Utility Scale Solar Energy Conversion Systems is approved for a period of nine (9) months at which time the moratorium could be extended by resolution if deemed necessary by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors; and

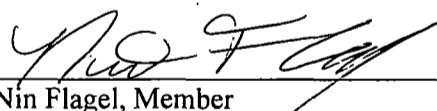
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of a satisfactorily developed Utility Scale Solar Ordinance; and

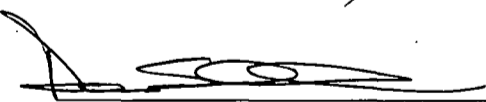
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the moratorium approved by this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THIS 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.**

  
Mike Steines, Chair

  
Attest: Alisa Smith, County Auditor

  
Nin Fligel, Member

  
Don Schwenker, Member