

RESOLUTION #1004-01-02-2024

Resolution Approving a Moratorium on Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems

WHEREAS, Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems means a large scale electrochemical device that can store and discharge electricity from the grid or a power plant. Different battery technologies, such as lithium-ion, sodium sulfur and lead acid, can be used for this purpose; 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 Battery Energy Storage Systems within the county due to not having a current Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting the county’s infrastructure, natural resources, and property rights through adequate setback provisions. The Planning and Zoning Commission will require time to gather information and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating, or creating ordinances, policies, and procedure relative to Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems development.

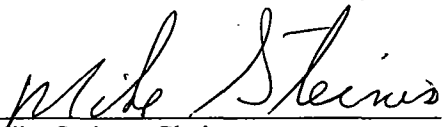
THEREFORE, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors wishes to enact a moratorium on the development and construction of Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems and on issuing application for permits relating to such development and construction of Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems, for 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 Battery Energy Storage 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 Battery Energy Storage Systems, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage 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

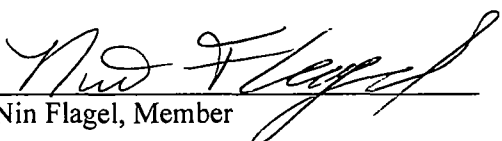
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of a satisfactorily developed Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance; and


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 Flagel, Member


Don Schwenker, Member