

Resolution # 3947 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska ("Board"), recognizes the significance of renewable energy in advancing environmental sustainability and reducing carbon emissions;

WHEREAS, the authority to make, adopt, amend, extend, and implement county zoning regulations is conferred upon the County Board of Commissioners in each county pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114*;

WHEREAS, the current zoning regulations in Seward County do not contain regulations governing renewable energy projects;

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2023, the Board passed Resolution 3767, which imposed a moratorium on certain renewable energy projects until such time as permanent regulations could be adopted that govern those projects;

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2026, the Board passed Resolution 3909, which extended the moratorium for an additional six months;

WHEREAS, proposed Seward County zoning regulations are still under review and are expected to be adopted within the next six months;

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning regulations include regulations governing renewable energy projects;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure responsible and sustainable development of commercial renewable energy projects that align with the existing community infrastructure and comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that new zoning regulations will be adopted before the commencement of any commercial projects currently in development;

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the adoption of new zoning regulations governing commercial renewable energy systems, the continuation or renewal of the prior temporary moratorium, if it has expired by operation of law, is necessary to ensure that all future renewable energy system projects comply with the forthcoming regulations.

WHEREAS, failure to continue or renew the temporary moratorium on commercial renewable energy projects until such time as the new zoning regulations are adopted could result in irreparable harm to Seward County and its resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the temporary moratorium on commercial renewable energy projects shall be continued or renewed, effective immediately, upon the following in Seward County:

1. Any solar conversion system consisting of a series of solar modules and equipment connected together, with a nameplate capacity of equal to or greater than 500kW alternating current, in order to commercially supply the converted energy to a community and/or power grid; or
2. Any wind energy conversion system under common or aggregated ownership or operating control that includes substations, MET towers, cables/wires and other building accessories, whose main purpose is to supply electricity to off-site customers; or
3. Any other renewable energy conversion system designed to commercially supply converted energy to any community, power grid, or off-site customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the temporary moratorium shall remain in effect for a period of six (6) months from the date of this resolution, or until new zoning regulations governing commercial renewable energy systems are formally adopted, published, and become legally binding within Seward County, whichever occurs first, at which time the moratorium shall automatically expire unless extended by separate resolution of the Board.

Dated this 25th day of August 2026.

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