

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER 21-3

THE COUNTY BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY HEREBY ORDAINS:

Article I – Amendment to Chapter 155 Zoning

Sec. 1

§155.108 SOLAR ENERGY FARMS AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

§ 155.108 (C)(14)(c) is amended as follows:

(c) The agreement shall require the applicant to create an escrow deposit or furnish an irrevocable letter of credit or a certified check as is determined by the County Attorney, County Engineer, and County Administration. The amount of the deposit or security is to be based upon the estimate of the total cost to remove any infrastructure and reclaim the property to its original condition at the conclusion of the solar energy farm. The salvage or resale value of the infrastructure shall not be used in calculating any offset or credit against the estimate of the total cost to remove the infrastructure and reclaim the property to its original condition. The deposit or security shall equal 150% of the estimate of all costs to remove any infrastructure and reclaim the property, plus any amount deemed necessary by the County Engineer to protect any public infrastructure during the construction or decommissioning of this project. This amount may be reduced or increased upon approval of a County Board resolution based upon such consideration as the size of the project, past performance by the applicant and/or financial credibility of the applicant, but in no case shall the amount be less than 50% of the estimate. On request of the applicant, if evidence is presented that the described work and improvements have been paid for, the amount of the deposit may be reduced in a sum equal to the estimated cost of the reclamation work so completed. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the initial escrow deposits or surety shall comply with the minimum requirements in the table below:

<u>Minimum Amounts for Initial Solar Farm Escrow Deposit or Surety</u>	
Solar Farms 1.0 MW and Less	<u>\$100,000</u>
1.01 to 1.49 MW	<u>\$150,000</u>
1.5 to 1.99 MW	<u>\$200,000</u>
2.0 to 2.99 MW	<u>\$250,000</u>
3.0 to 3.99 MW	<u>\$300,000</u>
4.0 to 4.99 MW	<u>\$350,000</u>
5.00 MW and above	<u>\$400,000</u>

Effective Date:

These ordinance amendments shall be effective upon passage and publication.

Mark Daleiden
Chair, Wright County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lee Kelly
Wright County Administrator