

**LAKE TOWNSHIP  
HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**Ordinance No. 2023-3**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Lake Township held at the Township offices on September 18, 2023, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the following Ordinance was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Clay Kelterborn and was seconded by Township Board Member Jim Deming:

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ZONING APPROVALS, REZONINGS, PERMITS, LICENSES OR APPROVALS FOR SOLAR FARMS, SOLAR PANEL FACILITIES AND SOLAR PANELS (AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTING, CREATING OR INSTALLING SUCH ITEMS).**

THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE (the "Township") ORDAINS:

**Section 1.**    Findings.

- a.    Currently, the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance does not have express provisions or regulations regarding solar farms, solar panel facilities or apparatus or solar panels (collectively, "Solar System").
- b.    The Township Board desires to study and potentially amend portions of the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance (the "Zoning Ordinance") with regard to Solar Systems and similar matters.
- c.    Imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary in order to allow time for the review and adoption of potential zoning amendments regarding Solar Systems.
- d.    During this moratorium period, the Township Board and Planning Commission will continue to investigate potential amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that may establish reasonable regulations regarding Solar Systems.

**Section 2.**    Administrative Action. A moratorium is hereby imposed upon the approval or issuance of any Township permit, license, zoning approval, rezoning, variance or similar or other approval for any Solar System or any commercial use or structure involving Solar Systems. During the moratorium term as specified in this Ordinance, no Township

official, employee, agent, body, board, commission or agent shall issue or approve any such permit, zoning approval, rezoning license, variance or other approval.

**Section 3.** Prohibition. During the time that the moratorium imposed by this Ordinance is in effect, no new or expanded Solar System, solar farm or solar panels shall be installed, constructed, placed or developed within Lake Township.

**Section 4.** Term of this Ordinance. The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance shall remain in effect for six (6) months following the effective date of this Ordinance or until amendments to Lake Township's ordinances regarding Solar Systems become effective, whichever, occurs first. Prior to the expiration of this moratorium, the Township may extend the moratorium to allow sufficient time to complete any such amendments to the ordinances.

**Section 5.** Exemption. The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance shall not apply to Solar Systems, solar panels and similar items all integrally attached to a building or with a total area on a parcel or lot not exceeding 500 square feet of ground area.

**Section 6.** Effective Date. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance and shall become effective the day following its publication (or a summary hereof) in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. The date of publication will be September 28, 2023.

The vote in favor of this Ordinance was as follows:

YEAS: Clay Kelterborn, Valerie McCallum, Nicole Collins, Dale Hartsell, Jim Deming

NAYS: None

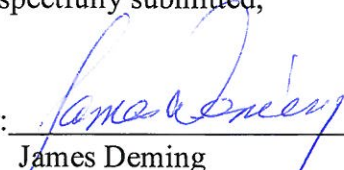
ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an emergency Ordinance adopted by the Township Board for Lake Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
James Deming  
Lake Township Clerk