

TOWNSHIP OF CHESTER
COUNTY OF OTTAWA, MICHIGAN

At a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Chester, Ottawa County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall, 3509 Sehler Street, in said Township, on the 14th day of August, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Denholz, Dietrich, Goodno, Meerman

ABSENT: Members: Dunnuck

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Goodno and supported by Member Meerman :

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08-01

RESOLUTION ENACTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING AND BUILDING REVIEW WITH RESPECT TO ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act ("MZEA"), MCL 125.3101, *et seq.*, the Township has adopted a Zoning Ordinance that establishes zoning districts and zoning regulations for the entire Township, including for Energy Storage Systems ("ESS"), as defined in Section 1912 of the Zoning Ordinance;

WHEREAS, at recent meetings of the Planning Commission, it has been discussed that the Township's zoning regulations for ESS may not be adequate or thorough enough to properly regulate this subject matter in accordance with industry standards, or to adequately provide for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of Township residents;

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that it is in the public interest to enact a temporary moratorium, lasting until July 24, 2024, unless later shortened or extended by the Township Board, with respect to the Township's review of zoning applications and other approvals for ESS, as specified below, so as to preserve the status quo in the interim; to prevent the development of ESS

that may not be in the best interest of Township development plans; to prevent the development of what might eventually become non-conforming ESS; to prevent the development of ESS that might be detrimental to the health, safety and/or welfare of Township residents; and, to allow the Township sufficient time to evaluate, develop and potentially enact amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that will establish new regulations for ESS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Temporary Moratorium.** A temporary moratorium on Township consideration of applications for ESS is hereby adopted under the following terms, conditions, and limitations:

(a) During the temporary moratorium, the Township shall not review any zoning or building applications for a proposed ESS.

(b) The temporary moratorium is effective as to all applications for ESS, which has been received in the Township on or after July 24, 2023.

(c) The temporary moratorium shall remain in effect until July 24, 2024, unless previously terminated or otherwise extended by the Township Board.

(d) The moratorium applies only to the types of applications stated in this resolution.

2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

AYES: Members: Denhof, Dietrich, Goodno, Meerman

NAYS: Members: Absent: Dunnuck

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Helen Dietrich, Clerk
Township of Chester

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OTTAWA)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Chester, Ottawa County, Michigan (the "Township"), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting on Aug 14, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 14 day of August, 2023.



Helen Dietrich, Clerk
Township of Chester