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RESOLUTION 26-001
HATTON TOWNSHIP, CLARE COUNTY

MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS, SOLAR AND/OR WIND FARMS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. being MCL 125.3101 et seq., authorizes Hatton Township (the “Township”) to adopt reasonable regulations to control the establishment and use of Data Centers, Solar and/or Wind Farms in accordance with the Township’s Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township has become aware of an increase of Data Centers, Solar and/or Wind Farms in the region which is an emerging land use not sufficiently contemplated in the current Master Plan nor by the current zoning for anywhere in the Township; and

WHEREAS, integration of Data Center, Solar and/or Wind Farm land use within the Township’s existing land uses requires suitable regulations and controls to ensure compliance with the Township’s Master Plan, among other things, by preserving agricultural property, and for the protection of general health, safety and welfare of all of the Township’s residents;

WHEREAS, this Board believes it is prudent and wise in light of the emergence of Data Center, Solar and/or Wind Farm land uses in the region, to assure proper locating and regulation of these land uses in the Township and must consider this Resolution of Moratorium on Data Center, Solar/and or Wind Farms so as to better protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Township residents; and

WHEREAS, imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is resonable and necessary in order to allow the Township to fully explore analyze, research, and develop proposed amendments to the Master Plan and the Township Zoning Ordinance, and to make recommendations to the Township Board regarding such amendments applicable to Data Center, Solar and/or Wind Farm uses in the Township; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, a moratorium is hereby imposed upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses, or approvals for any property subject to or under the jurisdiction of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance for the establishment or use of any new Data Center, Solar and/or Wind Farms uses in the Township. The moratorium imposed by this Resolution shall remain in effect for 1 year following the effective date of this Resolution, or until Data Centers, Solar and/or Wind Farm regulatory amendments to the Township’s Zoning Ordinance become effective, whichever occurs first. Before this moratorium expires, The Township may by resolution extend the moratorium for up to 1 year to allow sufficent time to complete amendments to its Ordinances, if necessary. If an extension is adopted, the Township will publish notice of the extension.

RESOLVED BY: N. Farrell
SUPPORTED BY: C. Rogalski

VOTE: Hileman; Yes, Farrell; Yes, Rogalski; Yes, Humphrey; Yes, McClain; Y; motion carried

ADOPTION DATE: June 16, 2026 at Regular Monthly Board Meeting

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK

The undersigned being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Hatton Township, Clare County, Michigan, hereby certifies that (1) the foregoing is true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting, held on June 16, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, (2) the original thereof is on file in the records in my office, (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended) and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

Linda McClain
Township Clerk