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**ORDINANCE NO. 08-20-91-1**

**BOND COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Bond County Board of Bond County, Illinois, as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1-1 PURPOSE**

In accordance with State Law (Il. Rev. Stats, Chap. 34, Div. 5-12), this ordinance regulates lots, structures, uses and similar matters in order to preserve, protect and to promote the public health, safety and general welfare through implementation of the County's comprehensive plan. More specifically, this ordinance is intended to assist in achieving the following objectives:

(a) to encourage the development of buildings and uses on appropriate sites in order to maximize County-wide social and economic benefits while accommodating the particular needs of all residents;

(b) to discourage development on inappropriate sites, especially on agricultural land;

(c) to protect and enhance the character and stability of sound existing in residential, commercial and industrial areas, and to gradually eliminate non-conforming uses and structures;

(d) to conserve and increase the value of taxable property throughout the County;

(e) to ensure the provision of adequate light, air and privacy for the occupants of all buildings;

(f) to protect property from damage caused by fire, flooding and adverse soil and topographical conditions;

(g) to provide adequate and well-designed off-street parking areas for all buildings and uses, and to reduce vehicular congestion on the public streets and highways; and

(h) to provide for the efficient administration and fair enforcement of all the substantive regulations set forth herein.

**SECTION 1-2 JURISDICTION**

This ordinance shall be applicable throughout Bond County, except within the corporate limits of municipalities which have adopted local zoning ordinances.

**SECTION 1-3 INTERPRETATION**

Every provision of this ordinance shall be construed liberally in favor of the County, and every requirement imposed herein shall be deemed minimal. Whenever the requirements of this ordinance differ from the requirements of any other lawfully adopted ordinance, regulation, deed restriction or covenant, the more stringent requirement shall prevail.

**SECTION 1-4 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

(a) Except as may be provided otherwise by statute or ordinance, no official, board member, agent or employee of the County shall render himself personally liable for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his duties under this ordinance.

(b) Any suit brought against any official, board member, agent or employee of the county, as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his duties under this ordinance, shall be defended by the State’s Attorney until the final determination of the legal proceedings.

**SECTION 1-5 SEPARABILITY**

If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

**SECTION 1-6 WHEN EFFECTIVE**

This ordinance shall take effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law, on the effective date set forth below.

MOTION BY BOB BOWEN, SECONDED BY JOE HEILIG TO APPROVE THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO TAKE EFFECT DECEMBER 1, 1991.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 AYES 1 NAY (BILL MANNING) MOTION CARRIED.

ATTESTED: /s/ Eldon O. Roe  
Bond County Clerk

Signed /s/ Frank H. Thompson Chairman  
Bond County Board

The text amendments correcting typographical errors and establishing rules, regulations, and procedures governing Solar Energy Systems as referenced in Article 5, shall be effective immediately upon passage of said amendments by the Bond County Board.

**ARTICLE 2 DEFINITION**  
**SECTION 2-1 CONSTRUCTION OF TERMS**

In construing the intended meaning of terminology used in this ordinance, the following rules shall be observed:

(a) Words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in Section 2-2 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise; terms not defined in Section 2-2 shall have their standard English dictionary meanings.

(b) Words denoting the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and neuter genders.

(c) Words used in the present tense shall include the future tense.

(d) Words used in the singular number shall include the plural number and the plural the singular.

(e) The term “shall” is mandatory’ the term “may” is discretionary.

(f) All distances shall be measured to the nearest integral foot; six (6) inches or more shall be deemed one (1) foot.

(g) References to sections shall be deemed to include all subsections within that section; but a reference to a particular subsection designates only that subsection.

(h) A general term that follows or is followed by enumeration of specific terms shall not be limited to the enumerated class unless expressly limited.

**SECTION 2-2 SELECTED DEFINITIONS**

**ABUTTING:** Having a common lot line, corner or district line. Synonym for “adjacent” and “contiguous”.

**ACCESS WAY:** A curb cut, ramp, driveway or other means for providing vehicular access to an off-street parking.

**ACCESSORY BUILDING/STRUCTURE/USE:** Any building, structure or use which:

- (a) is subordinate to and serves a principal building or use;
- (b) is subordinate in area, extent or purpose to the principal building or use;
- (c) contributes to the comfort, convenience or necessity of occupants of the principal building or use served;
- (d) is located on the same zoning lot as the principal building or use served;
- (e) does not change the basic character of the premises as determined by its principal use.

**ADMINISTRATOR:** The official appointed by the County Board of Bond County to administer this ordinance, or his representative. (Synonymous with “Zoning Administrator”)

**AGRICULTURE:** Any one or any combination of the following: the growing of farm or truck garden crops, dairying, pasturage, apiculture, horticulture, floriculture or animal/poultry husbandry and includes accessory uses and structures customarily incidental to agricultural activities. Buildings occupied as residences shall not be considered as being used for agricultural purposes, even though they are located on agricultural land; and said buildings are subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

**AGRICULTURAL LAND:** Land suited for producing food, feed, forage, fiber and oilseed crops. It has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply need to produce sustained yields of crops economically when treated and managed according to modern farming methods.

**AISLE:** A vehicular traffic way within an off-street parking area, used as a means of access/egress from parking spaces.

**ALLEY:** A public right-of-way which affords a secondary means of vehicular access to abutting premises that front on a nearby street.

**ALTER:** To change the size, shape or use of a structure.

**AMENDMENT:** A change in the provisions of this ordinance (including those portions incorporated by reference), properly effected in accordance with State law and the procedures set forth herein.

**ANCHOR:** Any approved device used to keep a mobile home firmly attached to the stand on which it is placed.

**ATTACHED:** As applied to building, “attached” means having a common wall and/or common roof.

**BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS):** One or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy to supply electrical energy at a future time. The term includes, but is not limited to, electrochemical, thermal, and electromechanical technologies, but does not include a stand-alone 12-volt car battery or an electric motor vehicle, or battery storage utilized for on-site power, such as battery energy storage located on a single residential parcel and utilized solely by that residence for power.

**BOARD OF APPEALS:** The Zoning Board of Appeals of Bond County, Illinois

**BOARDING HOUSE:** A residential building or portion thereof-other than a motel or hotel-containing lodging rooms for accommodation of three (3) to ten (10) persons who are not members of the keeper’s family, and where lodging or meals or both are provided by prearrangement and for definite periods, but not on an overnight or per-meal basis to the transient public.

**BUFFER STRIP:** An area of land-undeveloped except for landscaping, fences, etc.-used to protect a use situated on one lot from the deleterious effects of the use on an adjacent lot.

**BUILDING:** Any covered structure permanently affixed to land and designed or used to shelter persons or chattels.

**BUILDING HEIGHT:** The vertical distance measured from the average grade at the front wall of a building to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof or to the deck line of mansard roof, or to the mean height level between eaves and ridge for gable, hip, or gambrel roofs. Chimneys, towers, cooling towers, and similar projections shall not be included in calculating building height.

**BUILDING LINE:** The line nearest the front of and across a lot, delineating the minimum open space required between the front of a structure and the Right-of-way of the existing street or road.

**CENTERLINE:**

- (a) the centerline of any right-of-way having a uniform width;
- (b) the original centerline, where a right-of-way has been widened irregularly;
- (c) the new centerline, whenever a road has been relocated.

**CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE, INITIAL:** A permit issued by the Administrator indicating that proposed construction work is in conformity with the requirements of this ordinance and may, therefore, proceed, commonly known as a building permit.

**CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE, FINAL:** A permit issued by the Administrator indicating that a newly completed structure complies with all pertinent requirements of this ordinance and may, therefore, be occupied or used.

**CLINIC;** An establishment wherein licensed physicians or dentists practice medicine or dentistry, but where overnight lodging for sick or injured persons is not provided.

**CLUB/LODGE:** A nonprofit association of persons who are bona fide members organized for some purpose(s) and paying regular dues and whose facilities are restricted to members and their guests; not including a group organized solely or primarily to render a service customarily carried on as a commercial enterprise.

**COMMERCIAL USE/ESTABLISHMENT:** Any use or establishment wherein goods are purchased or sold, whether to the consuming public (retail) or to other businesses (wholesale).

**COMMUNITY RESIDENCE:** A group home or specialized residential care home serving unrelated persons with handicaps which is licensed, certified or accredited by appropriate local, state or national bodies. Community residence does not include a residence which serves persons as an alternative to incarceration for a criminal offense, or persons whose primary reason for placement is substance or alcohol abuse or for treatment of communicable disease.

**COMMUNITY RESIDENCE-LARGE:** A community residence serving nine (9) to fifteen (15) persons with handicaps.

**COMMUNITY RESIDENCE-SMALL:** A community residence serving eight (8) or fewer persons with handicaps in a family-like atmosphere.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** The plan or any portion thereof adopted by the County Board to guide and coordinate the physical and economic development of Bond County. The comprehensive plan includes, but is not limited to, plans and programs regarding the location, character and extent of highways; bridges; public buildings or uses; utilities; schools; residential, commercial or industrial land uses; parks; drainage facilities; etc.

**CONFORMING:** In compliance with the applicable provisions of this ordinance.

**CONVENIENCE STORE:** Any small retail commercial or service establishment offering foods/services primarily to the residents of a particular multiple-family complex, mobile home park, or similar development.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION ORDER:** A legally binding order issued by the Administrator in accordance with the procedures set forth herein to effect compliance with this ordinance.

**COUNTY:** Bond County, Illinois.

**DAY CARE CENTER:** See “Nursery School”.

**DETACHED:** As applied to buildings, “detached” means surrounded by yards on the same lot as the building.

**DEVELOP:** To erect any structure or to install any improvements on a tract of land, or to undertake any activity (such as grading) in preparation therefore.

**DIMENSIONS:** Refers to both lot depth and lot width.

**DISTRICT, ZONING:** A portion of the territory of the County wherein certain uniform requirements or various combinations thereof apply to structures, lots, and uses under the terms of this ordinance.

**DRIVEWAY:** A minor way commonly providing vehicular access to a garage or off-street parking area.

**DWELLING:** A building or portion thereof designed or used primarily as living quarters for one or more families, but not including hotels, motels or other accommodations for the transient public.

**DWELLING, MULTI-FAMILY:** A building or portion thereof containing two (2) or more dwelling units.

**DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY:** A dwelling on a permanent foundation containing one (1) dwelling unit and intended for the occupancy of one family.

**DWELLING UNIT:** One or more rooms designed or used as living quarters by one family. A “dwelling unit” always includes a bathroom and a kitchen.

**EASEMENT:** A right to use another person's real property for certain limited purposes.

**ENCLOSED:** As applied to a building, "enclosed" means covered by a permanent roof and separated on all sides from adjacent open space or other building by fixed exterior walls or by common walls, with openings only for windows and doors.

**ENLARGE:** To increase the size (floor area, height, etc.) of an existing principal structure or accessory use, or to devote more land to an existing use. Synonym for "extend" and "expand."

**ERECT:** To build, construct.

**EXISTING:** Actually, constructed or in operation on the effective date of this ordinance.

**FAMILY:** One person, or two or more persons related by blood, marriage or legal adoption, or not more than three (3) unrelated persons, maintaining a common household in a dwelling unit.

**FLOOR AREA, GROSS:** The sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors on a building, measured from the exterior faces of the exterior walls or from the center of the common walls of attached buildings. Gross floor area includes basement floors; attic floor space; halls, closets and stairwells; space devoted to mechanical equipment and enclosed porches.

**FRONTAGE:** The lineal extent of the front (street-side) of a lot. **HEREAFTER:** Any time after the effective date of this ordinance.

**HOME OCCUPATION:** Any business, profession or occupation conducted for gain entirely within a dwelling or on residential premises in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.

**IMMOBILIZE:** As applied to a mobile home, "immobilize" means to remove the wheels, tongue and hitch and/or to place on a permanent foundation.

**INTENSIFY:** To increase the level or degree of.

**INTERSECTION:** The point at which two or more public rights-of-way (generally streets) meet.

**JUNK:** Old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, or junked, dismantled or wrecked automobiles, or parts thereof, iron, steel and other old or scrap ferrous or non-ferrous material.

**JUNK, RECYCLING AND/OR SALVAGE YARD:** Any area where waste, discarded, or salvaged materials are bought, sold, exchanged, baled, packed, disassembled, or handled, including auto wrecking yards, house wrecking yards, used lumber yards and places or yards for storage of salvaged

house wrecking and structural steel materials, and equipment; but not including establishments where such uses are conducted entirely within a completely enclosed building, and not including establishments for the sale, purchase or storage of used cars in operable condition, or storage of materials incidental to manufacturing operations.

**LOT:** A tract of land intended as a unit for the purpose (whether immediate or future) of transfer of ownership or development. A “lot” may or may not coincide with a “lot of record”. “Lot” is synonymous with “tract”, “plot”, and “site”.

**LOT OF RECORD:** An area of land designated as a lot on a plat of subdivision or described by metes and bounds in a deed, and recorded with the Bond County Recorder of Deeds.

**LOT, CORNER:** A lot having at least two (2) adjacent lot lines that abut for their full length upon streets. Both such lot lines shall be deemed front lot lines.

**LOT, THROUGH:** A lot having a pair of approximately parallel lot lines that abut two (2) approximately parallel streets. Both such lot lines shall be deemed front lot lines.

**LOT AREA:** The area of a horizontal plane bounded by the front, side, and rear lines of a lot.

**LOT COVERAGE:** The portion of a lot that is occupied by buildings or structures, including accessory buildings or structures.

**LOT DEPTH:** The average horizontal distance between the front lot line and the rear lot line of a lot.

**LOT LINE, FRONT:** Any lot boundary abutting a street or road.

**LOT LINE, REAR:** The lot line which is most distant from and most nearly parallel to the front lot line.

**LOT LINE, SIDE:** Any boundary of a lot which is not a front lot line or a rear lot line. **LOT WIDTH:** The mean horizontal width of a lot measured from the side lot lines.

**MAINTENANCE:** The routine upkeep of a structure, premises, or equipment, including the replacement or repair of structural components to the extent necessary to keep said structure in sound condition.

**MATERIALLY:** As applied to the impact of one thing on another, “materially” means significantly or substantially.

**MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME:** A manufactured structure designed to permit its transport on wheels, attached to its own chassis, containing complete kitchen and sanitary facilities, and used as a dwelling by one family. All mobile/manufactured homes located in Bond County after the adoption of this ordinance shall be constructed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements for mobile homes and shall have the proper seal to denote compliance.

**MOBILE HOME PARK:** A parcel not less than two (2) acres in area in single ownership/control, developed with facilities for accommodating occupied mobile homes.

**MOBILE HOME STAND:** The part of a mobile home space beneath the mobile home that includes the concrete slab, piers or runners on which the home is placed and to which is anchored. Such formation must utilize, at a minimum, 16” wide runners or 24” diameter piers extending into the ground 30”.

**MODULAR HOME:** A building assembly or system of building sub-assemblies, designed for habitation as a dwelling for one or more persons, including the necessary electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating and other service systems, which is of closed or open construction and which is made or assembled by a manufacturer, on or off the building site, for installation or assembly and installation on the building site with a permanent foundation.

**NONCONFORMING:** As applied to a lot, structure or use, “nonconforming” means (1) lawfully existing on the effective date of this ordinance or pertinent amendment thereto, but (2) not in compliance with the applicable provisions set forth herein.

**NUISANCE:** Anything, condition, or conduct that endangers health or unreasonably offends the senses, or obstructs the free use and comfortable enjoyment of property, or essentially interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life.

**NURSERY SCHOOL:** An establishment for the part-time care and/or instruction at any time of day of four (4) or more unrelated children of pre-elementary school age.

**OFFICE:** Any building or portion thereof in which the business (usually clerical and administrative affairs) of a commercial/service enterprise or professional person is transacted.

**PARKING AREA/LOT, OFF-STREET:** Land that is improved in accordance with this ordinance and used primarily for the storage of passenger motor vehicles, free of charge or for compensation. An “off-street parking lot”, depending on the circumstances of its use, may be either a principal use or an accessory use.

**PARKING SPACE, OFF-STREET:** An area at least twenty (20) feet long and ten (10) feet wide within an off-street parking area or garage, used for the storage of one passenger motor vehicle.

**PERMANENT FOUNDATION:** A closed perimeter formation consisting of materials such as concrete, mortared concrete block or mortared brick extending into the ground 30” which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to cellars, basements or crawl spaces utilizing, at a minimum, 16” wide runners or 24” diameter piers extending into the ground 30” below finished grade. Perimeter formation must be completely enclosed.

**PERMITTED USE:** Any use which is or may be lawfully established in a particular district(s).

**PERSON:** An individual, firm, association, organization or corporate body.

**PERSONAL SOLAR/WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS (PSWES):** Any device or combination of devices or elements which rely upon direct sunlight or wind as an energy source including but not limited to any substance or device which collects sunlight/wind for generating electricity for use on-site. However, the energy output may be delivered to a power grid to offset the cost of energy on-site. PSWES shall be considered an accessory use to a principal structure.

**PREMISES:** A lot and all the structures and uses thereon.

**PRINCIPAL BUILDING/STRUCTURE/USE:** The main structure erected on or the main use occupying a lot as distinguished from an accessory (subordinate) structure or use.

**PROPERTY LINE:** See “Lot Line”.

**RECONSTRUCT:** As applied to nonconforming structures, “reconstruct” means to rebuild after partial or total destruction.

**RELOCATE:** To move to another portion of a lot or to a different lot. **REPAIR:** To restore to sound condition, but not to reconstruct.

**RESTRICTIVE:** Tending to keep within prescribed limits.

**RETAIL:** Refers to the sale of goods or services directly to the consumer rather than to another business.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY, PUBLIC:** A strip of land which the owner/sub divider has dedicated to a unit of government for streets, alleys or other public purposes.

**SANITARY LANDFILL:** A tract of open land used for the permanent disposal of refuse in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. At a “sanitary landfill” the refuse is periodically covered with topsoil.

**SEASONAL DWELLING:** A structure used on a part time basis for recreational purposes—not a

primary residence (i.e., weekend cabins).

SCREENING: Trees, shrubs, walls, solid fences, etc., used as a means of visual and noise control.

SERVICE USE/ESTABLISHMENT: Any use or establishment wherein services are provided for remuneration either to individuals or to other firms.

SETBACK: The horizontal distance from the lot line in question to the side of the structure facing that lot line or to the edge of the area of operation of the principal use (in case of a use which does not involve a structure).

SETBACK LINE: See “Building Line”.

SITING PERMIT: A permit that may be issued by the Zoning Administrator that authorizes the location and design of the proposed commercial project before construction begins.

SMALL RURAL BUSINESS: Business & Small Manufacturing located in A-1 district, not to occupy more than 5 acres.

SOLAR/WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS (SWES): A system or facility designed to harness solar and/or wind energy for electricity generation or other renewable applications. These systems may serve on-site use with limited grid export or commercial utility-scale power supply.

- Solar Energy Systems – Photovoltaic (PV) panels, inverters, mounting structures, and related infrastructure.
- Wind Energy Systems – Wind turbines, towers, supporting structures, and associated components.
- Hybrid Systems – Integrated systems utilizing both solar and wind energy.

SOLAR/WIND FARM ENERGY SYSTEMS (SWFES) A utility scale facility that converts sunlight and/or wind into electricity for the primary purpose of selling wholesale or retail generated electricity for on-site and off-site use. A solar and/or wind farm energy system is the principal land use for the parcel on which it is located. SWFES are only permitted uses in Agricultural, Commercial, or Industrial Districts.

SPECIAL USE: A use that has unusual operational, physical, or other characteristics which distinguish it from the permitted uses of a district, but which can be made compatible with the intended overall development within a district. Special uses commonly must meet special standards not necessarily applicable to permitted uses in the district, and are allowed only by permit.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT: A permit issued in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance to regulate development of a special use.

**STOP ORDER:** A type of corrective action order used by the Administrator to halt work in progress that is in violation of this ordinance.

**STREET:** A public or private way for motor vehicle travel. The term “street” includes a highway, thoroughfare, parkway, through way, road, pike, avenue, boulevard, lane, place drive, court and similar designations, but excludes an alley or a way for pedestrian use only.

**STREET, PRIVATE:** Any street providing access to abutting property that is not maintained by and dedicated to the County or other unit of government.

**STRINGENT:** Binding, exacting.

**STRUCTURE:** Anything constructed or erected on the ground, or attached to something having a fixed location on the ground. All buildings are structures, but not all structures are building.

**STRUCTURE, TEMPORARY:** Any structure that is not attached to a permanent foundation.

**TOPOGRAPHY:** The relief features or surface configuration of an area.

**TRAVEL TRAILER:** A mobile structure designed for temporary occupancy.

**TRAVEL TRAILER PARK:** A lot developed with facilities for accommodating temporarily occupied travel trailers.

**USE:** The purpose or activity for which land or a structure thereon is designed, arranged, intended, occupied or maintained.

**VARIANCE:** A relaxation of the strict application of the lot size, setbacks, or other requirements applicable to a particle lot, structure or use.

**WHOLESALE:** Refers to the sale of goods or services by one business to another business.

**YARD:** Open space that is unobstructed except as specifically permitted in this ordinance and that is located on the same lot as the principal building.

**YARD, FRONT:** A yard which is bounded by the side lot lines, front lot lines, and the building line.

**YARD, REAR:** A yard which is bounded by side lot lines, and the rear yard line.

**YARD, SIDE:** A yard which is bounded by the rear yard line, front yard line, side yard line and side lot line.

**YARD LINE:** A line in a lot that is parallel to the lot line along which the yard in question extends and which is not nearer to such lot line at any point than the required depth or width of said yard.

**ZONING MAP:** The map and any amendments thereto designating zoning districts, and incorporated into this ordinance by reference.

**ARTICLE 3 GENERAL SUBSTANTIVE REGULATIONS  
SECTION 3-1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS**

In order to implement the regulatory scheme of this ordinance so to achieve the objectives stated in Section 1-1, all the territory of Bond County other than territory within the corporate limits of municipalities which have adopted local zoning ordinances is hereby divided into the following zoning districts:

NAME OF DISTRICT	DESIGNATION	MINIMUM LOT SIZE	MINIMUM AREA * OF DISTRICT
Agricultural	A-1	5 acres	40 acres
Single-Family Residential	R-1	21,780 sq. ft. **	5 acres
Multi-Family Residential	R-2	21,780 sq. ft. **	2 acres
Mobile Home Residential	R-3	10,000 sq. ft. **	2 acres
Residential/Overlay	R-4	See Section 4-5**	2 acres
Office	O-1	10,000 sq. ft.**	2 acres
Commercial, Limited	C-1	10,000 sq. ft.**	2 acres
Commercial	C-2	10,000 sq. ft. **	2 acres
Industrial, Planned	I-1	20,000 sq. ft.**	10 acres
Industrial, Limited	I-2	20,000 sq. ft.**	10 acres
Industrial, General	I-3	20,000 sq. ft.**	10 acres

\* The “minimum area” requirement (which is intended to prevent spot zoning) refers to the smallest total area of contiguous parcels that can properly be given the particular district classification. The minimum area requirement is not satisfied merely because the areas of numerous noncontiguous parcels, when aggregated, happens to equal or exceed the minimum area indicated above.

\*\* See Section 4-12.

**SECTION 3-2 ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

The boundaries of the listed zoning districts are hereby established as shown on the official zoning map of the County. This official zoning map, including all notations and other information thereon, is hereby made a part of this ordinance by reference. The official zoning map shall be kept on file in the Administrator’s office.

**3-2.1 DETERMINING TERRITORY OF DISTRICTS WITH PRECISION:**

In determining with precision what territory is actually included within any zoning district, the Administrator shall apply the following rules:

(a) Where a district boundary as indicated on the zoning map approximately follows any of the features listed below on the left, the corresponding feature on the right shall be deemed the district boundary:

- 1. Centerline of any street, alley or highway ..... such centerline
- 2. Lot line ..... such lot line
- 3. Railroad tracks .....right-of-way line of such tracks
- 4. Stream ..... center of such stream
- 5. Section, fractional or survey lines ..... such lines

(b) Whenever any street, alley, or other public way is legally vacated, the zoning districts adjoining each side of such vacated public way shall automatically extend to the center of such way, and all territory included in the vacated way shall thereafter be subject to all regulations of the extended districts.

**SECTION 3-3 GENERAL PROHIBITION**

Hereafter, it shall be unlawful to:

- a) erect, use, occupy, enlarge, alter, relocate or reconstruct any structure or part thereof;
- b) create any lot; or
- c) use, occupy or develop any lot or part thereof..

except in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3-4 UNLISTED USES PROHIBITED**

Any use not specifically listed as permitted or allowed by special use permit within a particular zoning district shall be deemed prohibited in that district until the County Board re-zones the property in question or otherwise amends this ordinance in accordance with Section 9-5.

### **SECTION 3-5 MEETING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Except as specifically provided otherwise elsewhere in this ordinance, every lot must meet the minimum area, minimum dimensions and minimum setback requirements of the district in which it is located INDEPENDENTLY; that is, without counting any portion of an abutting lot.

### **SECTION 3-6 ACCESS REQUIRED**

No building shall be erected on any lot unless such lot abuts or has permanent easement of access to a public road, or a private road that conforms to the standards set forth in the Bond County Subdivision Ordinance.

### **SECTION 3-7 FRONT SETBACKS- CORNER/THROUGH LOTS**

Every lot with multiple frontages (such as corner or through lots) shall meet the front setback requirement of the district in which it is located on every side that abuts a street or road.

### **SECTION 3-8 INTRUSIONS INTO YARDS**

To the extent indicated, the following features of principal buildings may intrude into required yards without thereby violating the minimum setback requirements:

#### **FEATURES    MAXIMUM INTRUSION**

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| (a) Cornices, chimneys, planters or similar architectural features | Two (2) feet.  |
| (b) Fire escapes   | Four (4) feet. |
| (c) Patios   | No limit.      |
| (d) Porches, if unenclosed and at ground level                     | Six (6) feet.  |
| (e) Balconies  | Four (4) feet. |
| (f) Canopies, roof overhangs                                       | Four (4) feet. |

### **SECTION 3-9 EXCEPTIONS TO HEIGHT LIMITS**

(a) NECESSARY APPURTENANCES. Chimneys, church spires, parapet walls, cooling towers, elevator bulkheads, fire towers, antennas, or other necessary appurtenances commonly constructed above the roof line shall be permitted to exceed the maximum height limitations of the district in which they are located if they comply with all other pertinent ordinances of the County.

(b) INTERSECTIONS. On corner lots, in the triangular portion of land bounded by intersecting street lines and a line joining these street lines as points thirty (30) feet from the point of intersection, no obstruction, whether natural or man-made, shall intrude into the air space that is between two (2) and ten (10) feet above the level of the adjacent street.

(c) AIRPORT HAZARD AREAS. Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, all structures erected within any airport hazard area, as defined by State law, shall conform to the location, height, and identification requirements imposed by the Illinois Department of Aeronautics pursuant to “An Act relating to Airport Zoning” (Ill. Rev. Stats., Chap. 15-1/2, Secs. 48.1 - 48.37 and “An Act in relation to Zoning to Eliminate Airport Hazards” (Ill. Rev. Stats., Chap. 15-1/2, Secs. 48.101 - 48.112).

### **SECTION 3-10 SEWERS, SEPTIC TANKS**

In all districts, property owners of all buildings and places where people live, work or assemble shall provide for the sanitary disposal of all sewage in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) Whenever the public sanitary sewer system is reasonably available (that is, when the distance from the property in question to the nearest public sewer with available capacity does not exceed six hundred (600) feet), all sewage shall be discharged into such system, whether or not a private sewer system is more convenient.

(b) Whenever the public sewer system is not reasonably available, a private sewer system (whether central or individual) shall be installed and used. All private sewer systems shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in conformity with the following requirements:

1. Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Licensing Act, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 111-1/2, Section 116.301 through 116.323, as amended from time to time.

2. Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Code No 4.002, promulgated by the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, as amended from time to time;

3. Pertinent current regulations issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; and

4. Applicable County or local codes and ordinances, particularly the Bond County Subdivision Ordinance.

The Administrator shall not issue any initial certificates of zoning compliance, commonly known as a building permit, unless, following consultation with technically qualified persons as necessary, he is satisfied that these requirements will be met.

### **SECTION 3-11 ONE DWELLING PER LOT**

Except as specifically provided otherwise herein, only one dwelling may be situated on any lot or lot of record. Thus, for example, it shall generally be unlawful to place a mobile home on any lot on which there is an existing dwelling.

## **SECTION 3-12 ACCESSORY USES**

Any accessory use (see Sec. 2-2, “Selected Definitions”) shall be deemed permitted in a particular zoning district if such accessory use is:

(a) accessory to a principal structure or use that is allowed in that zoning district as of right (permitted uses) or by virtue of the fact that a special use permit has been granted; and

(b) in compliance with the restrictions set forth in Subsection 3-12.1.

### **3-12.1 ACCESSORY USE RESTRICTIONS:**

(a) HEIGHT. No accessory use shall be higher than:

1. Fifteen (15) feet in any Residential District; or

2. Twenty-five (25) feet in any other zoning district except the Agricultural District where, due to the special needs of farmers, there shall be no height limit on accessory structures.

(b) SETBACKS

1. In the Commercial or Industrial District, no accessory use shall encroach into any part of any yard (front, side or rear) that is required by the minimum setback regulations of the particular district.

2. In any Residential District, accessory uses are prohibited in any required front yard, but permitted in any side or rear yard provided such accessory uses are not closer than 10% of the lot width to any side or rear lot line.

(c) USE AS DWELLING. Use of any accessory structure as a dwelling is strictly prohibited in every zoning district.

## **SECTION 3-13 AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION**

The provisions of this ordinance shall not be exercised so as to impose regulations or require permits with respect to land used or to be used for agricultural purposes (as defined herein), or with respect to the erection, maintenance, repair, alteration, remodeling or extension of buildings or structures used or to be used for agricultural purposes upon such land; except that said structures are required to meet building setback requirements applicable in the district in which the structure is to be built. Should said land or structure cease to be used solely for agricultural purposes then, and only then, shall the other provisions of this ordinance apply (Ill. Rev. Stats., Chap. 34, Div. 5-12).

**ARTICLE 4 REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC DISTRICTS**  
**SECTION 4-1 "A-1" AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

The carrying out of agricultural activities has long been, and continues to be, an important part of the way of life for Bond County residents, and such activities provide a large portion of the income derived by the County's population. Thus, to promote and protect this mainstay of the local economy, it has been established as official policy that the County should protect, preserve, and encourage the pursuit of agriculture by its residents. The creation of the "A-1" Agricultural District is an integral part of that policy. The "A-1" District encompasses sparsely developed areas which, because of the fertility of the soil, topography, the availability of water, and other factors, including the suitability of the land for the raising of animals, have high agricultural productivity. The regulations for this district are intended to preserve such agricultural land by severely restricting the encroachment of non-agricultural uses and structures. The owners and renters of property, whether farm or non-farm, in this district should realize that they will likely encounter the smells, sights and sounds attendant to agricultural operations.

**4-1.1 PERMITTED USES:**

Provided all pertinent requirements of this ordinance are met, the following uses are permitted in the "A-1" District:

**Agriculture**, including all of the uses and structures included in the definition of agriculture set forth in Section 2-2

**Animal** hospitals and veterinarian offices, provided that adequate safeguards are taken to protect adjacent properties from any adverse effects resulting from such uses

**Carnivals** and picnics sponsored by a government entity or a civic organization, provided that adequate safeguards are taken to protect adjacent properties from any adverse effects resulting from such operations, and that such carnivals and picnics do not last more than seven (7) days.

**Churches** and other places of formal worship

**Cemeteries**

**Commercial** grain elevators and storage facilities

**Detached** single-family dwellings

**Government** uses of the County or Road District.

**Farm** dwellings existing before the effective date of this ordinance may be sold as non-farm dwellings, provided at least two (2) acres are deeded with the dwelling, and provided further that, notwithstanding any contrary provision of this ordinance, the property owner may demolish the farm dwelling and replace it with a new non-farm dwelling

**Home** occupations in accordance with Section 5-2

**Kennels**

**Non-Commercial** recreational uses

**Parks**

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES)**

**Railroad** tracks and accessory equipment, but not including classification yards, terminal facilities or maintenance facilities

**Rental** of farm dwellings by the owner of the farm on which they are located to persons not engaged in farming, provided that no lot separate from the farm is created, that the buildings are rented as single-family dwellings, and that the buildings existed before the effective date of this ordinance.

**Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems**

**Accessory uses in accordance with Section 3-12**

#### **4-1.2 SPECIAL USES**

The following uses shall be permitted in the "A-1" District only upon the issuance of a special use permit in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-2:

**Rental** of agricultural buildings not used for agricultural purposes

**Agricultural** product processing plants

**Airports**

**Commercial** carnivals, circuses and similar temporary, transient amusement activities not sponsored by a government entity or civic organization

**Commercial** recreational uses, including fee fishing lakes

**“Detached** single family dwellings on an agricultural lot of record shall be permitted on a separate lot of at least one (1) acre in size provided the occupants of said single-family dwelling are directly

related by birth, marriage or adoption to the owner(s) of the lot of record. Such “Special Uses” shall be renewed every five (5) years. If the occupants fail to meet birth, marriage or adoption requirements, the dwelling unit must be removed from the property.”

**Government** uses of a municipality

**Mobile** homes and manufactured homes

**Oil** wells and drilling operations

**Rented** or leased seasonal dwellings

**Small Rural Business** surrounded by A-1 district for small business & small manufacturing where “home occupations” would not be applicable and to prevent spot zoning. The “Special Use” will be non-assignable and shall terminate when property ceases to be used for the specified permitted use by permit holder. Nature of business is to be specified by applicant and the zoning board when permit is issued.

**Stockyards**

**Surface** or subsurface mining

**Temporary** non-farm dwellings, including mobile homes, on the same lot as another principal use

**Underground** and surface mining, loading and hauling of coal or other minerals, provided that the provisions of Sections 5-8 and 5-9 are met

**Utility** substations, including electrical substations, gas regulation stations and similar facilities

## **SECTION 4-2 “R-1” SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

The “R-1” Single-Family Residential District encompasses land within or near municipalities or other built-up areas that are suited for the development of various housing types and compatible uses. The regulations for this district are intended to stabilize and preserve sound existing neighborhoods developed at varying densities, and to promote construction of new single-family dwellings.

### **4-2.1 PERMITTED USES:**

Provided all pertinent requirements of this ordinance are met, the following uses are permitted in the “R-1” District:

**Churches** and other places of formal worship

**Detached** single family dwellings

**Home** occupations in accordance with Section 5-2

**Parks**, playgrounds

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES) Schools**

**Accessory uses in accordance with Section 3-12**

#### **4-2.2 SPECIAL USES**

**Agriculture**, including all of the uses and structures included in the definition of agriculture set forth in Section 2-2, provided that adequate safeguards are taken to protect adjacent properties from any adverse effects resulting from such operations.

**Mobile** homes and manufactured homes on individual lots, provided all applicable requirements of this ordinance are met

**Boarding** Houses

**Hospitals** and nursing homes

**Clinics**, medical/dental

**Clubs** or lodges, but not those which have as their chief activity a service customarily carried on as business.

**Duplex** dwellings

**Government** uses of the County, Road District or Municipality

**Nursery schools**

**Railroad** tracks and accessory equipment, but not classification yards, terminal facilities or maintenance facilities

**Temporary** dwellings, including mobile homes, on the same lot as another principal use

**Utility** substations, including electrical substations, gas regulation stations and similar facilities

#### **SECTION 4-3 "R-2" MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

The "R-2" Multi-Family Residential District is intended to promote the construction of duplex and multiple family dwellings.

##### **4-3.1 PERMITTED USES:**

**Duplex**

**Multiple-family dwelling units**

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES)**

Any use permitted in the "R-1" District

**Community residences**

**4-3.2 SPECIAL USES:**

Any special use permitted in the "R-1" District

**Nursery schools**

**Mobile homes and manufactured homes**

**SECTION 4-4 "R-3" MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

The "R-3" Mobile Home Residential District is intended to provide areas within the County where mobile homes and other manufactured housing units may be placed either on individual lots or mobile home parks.

**4-4.1 PERMITTED USES:**

**Mobile** or manufactured homes (see Section 5-5)

**Mobile** home parks (see Section 5-6)

Any uses permitted in the "R-1" District.

**SECTION 4-5 "R-4" RESIDENTIAL/OVERLAY DISTRICT**

The "R-4" Overlay District shall include and be defined as follows:

(a) Any incorporated municipality within Bond County that has not adopted its own local zoning ordinance and/or;

(b) Any area within 1,320 feet (1/4 mile) of the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality in Bond County.

The "R-4" Overlay District is intended to encourage compatible residential development in and around the existing municipalities. The following requirements must be met within the Overlay District:

1) The minimum lot size shall be 43,560 square feet (1 acre) if neither public water nor public sewer service are provided.

2) The minimum lot size shall be 21,780 square feet (½ acre) if public water service is provided.

3) The minimum lot size shall be 10,000 square feet if both public water and public sewer service are provided.

4) Each lot size shall meet the “Lot Size, Setback and Height Restrictions by District” as established in Section 4-12.

5) Flood Plain and Wetland areas may not be used to calculate the minimum lot area; and

6) Development is limited to Single Family Residential uses.

**4-5.1 PERMITTED USES:**

Any use permitted in the “R-1” District.

**4-5.2 SPECIAL USES:**

Any Special Use as identified in the “R-1” District

**SECTION 4-6 “O-1” OFFICE DISTRICT**

The “O-1” Office District encompasses areas where business, professional, research and other similar office uses may locate. All office uses within this district must be located within a building.

**4-6.1 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS**

Whenever any “O-1” Office District use abuts any Residential Zoning District the following screening requirements shall apply:

(a) A twenty foot (20') wide view and noise control buffer strip shall be installed.

(b) Such buffer strip shall consist of an earthen berm a minimum of six (6) feet in height and a planted buffer consisting of shrubbery and trees at least four (4) feet high when planted that can be expected to reach a height of at least ten (10) feet when fully grown.

(c) At least fifty (50) percent of the shrubbery and/or trees must be evergreens.

(d) The planting plan must be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

**4-6.2 PERMITTED USES:**

**Insurance**, real estate, loan association and other similar business and professional offices

**Dental** and medical clinics and/or offices

**Business** offices, such as district offices, sales offices, branch offices

**Private** or professional schools, except those of an industrial character

**Research** facilities provided they are located entirely within a building

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES**

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**Churches** and other places of formal worship

**Rest Homes/Nursing Homes**

**4-6.3 SPECIAL USES:**

**Commercial** uses/establishments

**Governmental** uses

**Nursery** schools

**Accessory uses in accordance with Section 3-12**

**SECTION 4-7 "C-1" COMMERCIAL, LIMITED DISTRICT**

The "C-1" Commercial District is a more restrictive zoning district than the "C-2" Commercial District. It is intended to serve the immediate area surrounding it and to discourage higher intensity commercial uses.

**4-7.1 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS:**

Whenever any "C-1" Office District abuts any Residential Zoning District the following screening requirements shall apply:

(a) A twenty foot (20') wide view and noise control buffer strip shall be installed.

(b) Such buffer strip shall consist of an earthen berm a minimum of six (6) feet in height and a planted buffer consisting of shrubbery and trees at least four (4) feet high when planted that can be expected to reach a height of at least ten (10) feet when fully grown.

(c) At least fifty (50) percent of the shrubbery and/or trees must be evergreens.

(d) The planting plan must be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

**4-7.2 PERMITTED USES:**

**Churches** and other places of formal worship

**Nursery Schools**

**Commercial** use/establishments

**Detached** single-family dwelling and duplexes

**Governmental** uses

**Multiple** family dwelling uses

**Offices**

**Service** uses/establishments

**Accessory** uses in accordance with Section 3-12

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES)**

**Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems (SWFES)**

**4-7.3 SPECIAL USES:**

**Convenience** stores/gas stations

**Vehicle** repairs

**Automobile** sales

**Section 4-8 "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

The "C-2" Commercial District encompasses those areas - primarily within unzoned municipalities or on the outskirts of municipalities - where a wide variety of goods and services is available to the general public at retail or wholesale.

**4-8.1 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS:**

Whenever any "C-2" Commercial District abuts any Residential Zoning District the following

screening requirements shall apply:

(a) A twenty foot (20') wide view and noise control buffer strip shall be installed.

(b) Such buffer strip shall consist of an earthen berm a minimum of six (6) feet in height and a planted buffer consisting of shrubbery and trees at least four (4) feet high when planted that can be expected to reach a height of at least ten (10) feet when fully grown.

(c) At least fifty (50) percent of the shrubbery and/or trees must be evergreens.

(d) The planting plan must be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

#### **4-8.2 PERMITTED USES:**

Provided all pertinent requirements of this ordinance are met, the following uses are permitted in the "C-2" District:

**Churches** and other places of formal worship

**Convenience** stores

**Nursery** Schools

**Commercial** uses/establishments

**Detached** single-family dwellings and duplexes

**Government** uses of the County, Road District or Municipality

**Multiple** family dwelling units

**Offices**

**Service** uses/establishments

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES)**

**Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems**

**Utility substations**

**Accessory uses in accordance with Section 3-12**

#### **4-8.3 SPECIAL USES:**

**Agricultural** uses

#### **SECTION 4-9 "I-1" PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT**

The "I-1" Planned Industrial District may be established on a tract of land in single ownership or management control provided that a detailed development plan has been reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals and approved by the County Board following the required public hearings.

#### **4-9.1 USE RESTRICTIONS:**

The County Board, in reviewing an "I-1" Planned Industrial District, may establish such restrictions, buffer requirements, use limitations, or other standards as it believes necessary to meet the intent of this zoning district.

#### **4-9.2 PERMITTED USES:**

Provided all pertinent requirements of this ordinance are met, the following uses are permitted in the "I-1" District:

**Assembly**, manufacturing, or processing of any commodity from raw or semi-finished materials

**Commercial** and service uses, wholesale

**Government** uses

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES)**

**Research and development facilities Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems**

**Utility** Substations

**Warehouses** and storage yards

**Accessory uses in accordance with Section 3-12**

#### **4-9.3 SPECIAL USES:**

**Agricultural** uses

#### **SECTION 4-10 "I-2" LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT**

The "I-2" Limited Industrial District is established to provide areas within the County where light industry, as defined under the Permitted Uses in this section, may locate without detriment to the

remainder of the County.

**4-10.1 USE RESTRICTIONS:**

(a) All uses, unless provided for by Special Use, must be located within a building and/or structure.

(b) Whenever any industrial use located in this district abuts any Residential Zoning District the following screening requirements shall apply:

1) A twenty foot (20') wide view and noise control buffer strip shall be installed

2) Such buffer strip shall consist of an earthen berm a minimum of six (6) feet in height and a planted buffer consisting of shrubbery and trees at least four (4) feet high when planted that can be expected to reach a height of at least ten (10) feet when fully grown.

3) At least fifty (50) percent of the shrubbery and/or trees must be evergreens.

4) The planting plan must be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

(c) Truck delivery and/or pickup to any industrial use located in this district shall be limited to between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

**4-10.2 PERMITTED USES:**

Provided all pertinent requirements of this Ordinance are met, the following uses are permitted in the "I-1" District:

**Commercial** and service uses, wholesale

Government uses

**Research** and development facilities

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES) Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems (SWFES)**

**Utility** substations

Warehouses

**Accessory** uses in accordance with Section 3-12

**4-10.3 SPECIAL USES:**

**Agricultural** uses

**Exterior** storage of material and equipment

## Section 4-11 "I-3" GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

The "I-3" Industrial District encompasses areas where manufacturing and processing plants, research facilities, warehouses, and similar uses may locate without detriment to the remainder of the County. In these areas, a satisfactory correlation of factors required by such uses exists or can be readily achieved.

### 4-11.1 USE RESTRICTIONS:

(a) NO NUISANCES. No production, processing, cleaning, servicing, testing, repair, sale or storage of goods, materials, or equipment shall unreasonably interfere with the use, occupancy, or enjoyment of neighboring properties. Unreasonable interferences include, but are not limited to, excessive traffic congestion, loud or shrill noises, excessive emission, offensive glare, and noxious odors.

(b) Whenever any "I-3" Industrial District abuts any Residential Zoning District the following screening requirements shall apply:

1) A twenty foot (20') wide view and noise control buffer strip shall be installed.

2) Such buffer strip shall consist of an earthen berm a minimum of six (6) feet in height and a planted buffer consisting of shrubbery and trees at least four (4) feet high when planted that can be expected to reach a height of at least ten (10) feet when fully grown.

3) At least fifty (50) percent of the shrubbery and/or trees must be evergreens.

4) The planting plan must be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

### 4-11.2 PERMITTED USES:

Provided all pertinent requirements of this ordinance are met, the following uses are permitted in the "I-1" District:

**Assembly**, manufacturing, or processing of any commodity from raw or semi-finished materials

**Commercial** and service uses, wholesale

**Government uses**

**Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES) Research and development facilities  
Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems (SWFES)**

**Utility** substations

**Warehouses** storage yards

**Accessory** uses in accordance with Section 3-12

**4-11.3 SPECIAL USES:**

**Agricultural** uses

**Junk**, recycling and/or salvage yards/but only in accordance with Section 5-4

**Oil** wells and drilling operations

**Sanitary** landfills

**Surface** mining, loading and hauling of coal, sand, gravel, topsoil, or other aggregate or minerals provided that the provisions of Section 5-8 are met

**Underground** mining, loading and hauling of coal or other minerals, provided that the provisions of Section 5-9 are met.

## SECTION 4-12 LOT SIZE SETBACK AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS BY DISTRICT

**Every lot or the principal structure thereon (as the case may be) shall comply with the minimum lot size, minimum setbacks and maximum height restrictions for the particular district in which said lot/principal structure is located.**

RESTRICTIONS	“A-1” DISTRICT	“R-1” DISTRICT	“R-2” DISTRICT	“R-3” DISTRICT		
a) Minimum District Area:	40 acres	5 acres	2 acres	5 acres		
b) Minimum Lot Area:	5 acres	21,780 sq ft* or 18,000 sq ft [Inside Inc.]	21,780 sq ft* 2,500 sq ft per Dwelling unit	10,000 sq ft*	43,560 sq ft	21,780 sq ft
		[Municipalities] whichever is greater				
c) Minimum Lot Width: (at established bldg line)	300 ft	75 ft	75 ft	50 ft	150 ft	125 ft
d) Minimum Lot Depth:	300 ft	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft	150 ft	125 ft
e) Minimum Setbacks:						
1. From front lot line: (measured from the road right-of-way line)	50 ft	25 ft	25 ft	20 ft	50 ft	50 ft
2. From side lotline a) Irregular lots	25 ft	10% lot width Irregular lots*	10% lot width	5 ft	40 ft	25 ft
3. From rear lot line	50 ft	25 ft	25 ft	20 ft	40 ft	40 ft
f) Maximum Structure Height	None	35 ft	35 ft	20 ft	35 ft	35 ft

\* Lot width will be determined by a line closest to the side lot line from the structure. The width of the lot will include the structure. 10% of the width of the lot with a minimum set back of no less than 10 feet at that point. All flood easements and other easements will apply.

	<b>“R-4” DISTRICT</b>	<b>“O-1” DISTRICT</b>	<b>“C-1” DISTRICT</b>	<b>“C-2” DISTRICT</b>	<b>“I-1” DISTRICT</b>	<b>“1-2” DISTRICT</b>	<b>“1-3” DISTRICT</b>
<b>a) Minimum District Area:</b>	2 acres	2 acres	2 acres	2 acres	10 acres	10 acres	10 acres
<b>b) Minimum Lot Area:</b>	10,000 sq ft	10,000 sq ft	10,000 sq ft	10,000 sq ft		20,000. sq ft	20,000 sq ft
<b>c) Minimum Lot Width: (at established ldg. line)</b>	75 ft	100 ft	100 ft	75 ft		100 ft	100 ft
<b>d) Minimum Lot Depth:</b>	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft		100 ft	100 ft
<b>e) Minimum Setbacks:</b>							
<b>1. From front lot line: (measured from the road right-of-way line)</b>	50 ft	40 ft	50 ft	50 ft		50 ft	25 ft
<b>2. From side lot line</b>	10% lot width	20 ft	50 ft	50 ft		50 ft	25 ft
<b>3. From rear lot line</b>	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft		50 ft	25 ft
<b>f) Maximum Structure Height</b>	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft		35 ft	None

Except that when a private sewerage system decedent on a soil absorption system is to be used, and public water is provided the minimum lot area shall be one-half (½) acre and setback from the property line shall be twenty-five (25) feet. If public water is not provided, the minimum lot area shall be one (1) acre and the setback from the property line shall be forty (40) feet.

**ARTICLE 5 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES**  
**SECTION 5-1 APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE**

This Article establishes lot and structure requirements, design standards and use limitations for specific, potentially troublesome, structures and uses. These regulations apply in every zoning district where the specific structure or use is permitted; but if more stringent regulations are applicable in any particular district, such regulations shall prevail.

**SECTION 5-2 HOME OCCUPATIONS**

A “home occupation” means any business, profession or occupation conducted for gain or support entirely within any dwelling or on any residential premises. No home occupation shall be established or conducted except in conformity with the following regulations:

- (a) UNRELATED EMPLOYEES. A home occupation shall employ not more than one individual who does not reside on the premises.
  
- (b) FLOOR SPACE. In Residential Districts, the total area used for a home occupation shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross floor area of the dwelling, or three hundred (300) square feet, whichever is less.
  
- (c) DWELLING ALTERATIONS. A dwelling shall not be altered to accommodate a home occupation in such a way as to materially change the residential character of the building.
  
- (d) OUTDOOR STORAGE. Outdoor (unenclosed) storage on the premises for equipment or materials used in connection with a home occupation is prohibited in Residential District.
  
- (e) NUISANCES. A home occupation shall not generate any offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat, glare or electrical interference noticeable at or beyond the lot lines.
  
- (f) PARKING. Every home occupation shall provide two off-street parking spaces in addition to the usual requirements for the dwelling (see Sec. 6-6). Said parking spaces shall be located on the same lot as the dwelling.
  
- (g) SIGN. A home occupation may display only one identification/advertising sign. The area of said sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet and shall be fixed to the dwelling.

### **SECTION 5-3 HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES**

- (a) The lot on which any hospital or sanitarium is situated shall have a minimum width and depth of two hundred (200) feet, and a minimum area of five (5) acres.
- (b) The lot on which any nursing home is situated shall have a minimum width and depth of two hundred (200) feet, and a minimum area of two (2) acres.
- (c) The principal building of any hospital, sanitarium or nursing home shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from all lot lines.

### **SECTION 5-4 SALVAGE, RECYCLING AND/OR JUNK YARDS**

- (a) No part of any junk yard (see definition in Sec. 2-2) shall be located closer than five hundred (500) feet to the boundary of any Residential District.
- (b) All vehicles, parts and equipment shall be stored within a completely enclosed structure or within an area screened by a wall, solid fence of closely planted shrubbery at least ten (10) feet high and of sufficient density to block the view from adjacent property.

### **SECTION 5-5 MOBILE HOMES ON INDIVIDUAL LOTS**

No person shall place any mobile home on an individual lot (as opposed to in a mobile home park) except in conformity with the following regulations:

- (a) **SAME LOT SIZE/SETBACKS.** No mobile home shall be placed on any individual lot unless the district's minimum lot size and setback requirements are strictly observed.
- (b) **ONE PER LOT.** Not more than one (1) mobile home shall be placed on any individual lot.
- (c) **FOUNDATION.** Every mobile home shall be placed on a permanent foundation as set forth in this ordinance.
- (d) **ANCHORS.** Anchors capable of withstanding a vertical tension force of four thousand eight hundred (4,800) pounds shall be installed at the corners of every mobile home stand or as otherwise necessary for protection against high winds. Every mobile home shall be securely tied down to such anchors.
- (e) **SKIRTING.** Every mobile home shall be skirted with fire-resistant material.
- (f) **AGE.**
  - 1. No person shall bring into Bond County, for residential purposes, a used mobile home.
  - 2. No person shall move a used mobile home for residential purposes from one lot within Bond County to a different location within Bond County.
  - 3. Any used mobile home brought into Bond County or moved to another location within Bond County, after the effective date of this Ordinance, is declared to be a nuisance. Any person who brings into Bond County a used mobile home, or moves a used mobile home from one location to another within Bond County, shall be fined a sum of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$500.00. Each day a used mobile home is allowed to remain in Bond County, having been brought into Bond County or moved within Bond County in violation of this Ordinance, shall be a new violation.

4. For purposes of this Ordinance, a "used- mobile home" is one which has previously been used for residential purposes.
5. Applicants may apply for a variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals to wave the age requirements of this section.

**SECTION 5-6 MOBILE HOME PARKS**

After the effective date of this ordinance, no mobile home park shall be established except in conformity with the requirements of the subsections below:

**5-6.1 COMPLIANCE WITH ILLINOIS LAW:**

- (a) "An Act to provide for, license, and regulate mobile homes and mobile home parks" (Ill. Rev. Stats., Chap. 111-1/2, Secs. 711 et seq.), as amended from time to time; and
- (b) "Rules and Regulations for Mobile Home Parks", Illinois Department of Public Health, Consumer Protection Division, as amended from time to time.

**5-6.2 MINIMUM LOT AREA, SETBACKS, ETC.:**

- (a) Minimum Lot Area: No mobile home park shall be located on a tract less than two (2) acres in area.
- (b) Minimum Dimensions: No mobile home park shall be developed on a minimum site that is less than two hundred fifty (250) feet in both width and depth.
- (c) Minimum Setbacks: No part of a mobile home or other structure in any mobile home park shall be situated closer than twenty-five (25) feet to the exterior boundary of the park.
- (d) Maximum Height: No structure in any mobile home park shall be more than thirty-five (35) feet in height.

**5-6.3 MINIMUM LOT SIZE AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS:**

Individual mobile home spaces shall be considered as lots and shall meet the following requirements:

1. Minimum lot size Five thousand (5,000) square feet \*
2. Minimum lot depth: ..... One hundred (100) feet
3. Minimum lot width ..... Fifty (50) feet
4. Minimum setback requirements
 

from front lot line	Twenty (20) feet.
from rear lot line	Twenty (20) feet
from side lot line	Five (5) feet on one side, Twenty (20) feet on the other side.

5. Minimum distance to a building
 

on an adjacent lot	Twenty (20) feet
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\* See Section 4-7

**5-6.4 MOBILE HOME SPACE IMPROVEMENTS:**

Each mobile home space shall be improved in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) **MOBILE HOME STAND.** Each space shall have a stand to provide adequate support for the placement and tie down of the mobile home. The stand shall extend the length of the supports of the mobile home, and shall include the concrete slab, piers or runners on which the home is placed and to which is anchored. Such formation must utilize, at a minimum, 16” wide runners or 24” diameter piers extending into the ground 30”.
- (b) **ANCHORS.** No mobile home in a mobile home park shall be immobilized, but anchors capable of withstanding a vertical tension force of four thousand eight hundred (4,800) pounds shall be installed at the corners of each stand or as otherwise necessary for protection against high winds. Every mobile home shall be securely tied down to such anchors.
- (c) **OFF-STREET PARKING.** Each mobile home space shall have a minimum of two off-street parking spaces.
- (d) **SKIRTING.** Each mobile home shall be skirted with fire resistant material to enhance the appearance of the park and to prevent rodent harborage. The skirting shall be equipped with an inspection door at least twenty-four (24) inches wide to allow access to the underside of the home.
- (e) **TIE-DOWN REQUIREMENTS.** Every mobile home shall meet all Illinois Department of Public Health tie-down requirements.

**5-6.5 STREETS AND UTILITIES:**

All streets within a mobile home park shall be under private ownership and maintenance and shall be a minimum of twenty-four (24) feet wide.

**SECTION 5-7 SANITARY LANDFILLS**

Any person who intends to establish or conduct a sanitary landfill within Bond County shall obtain a permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency indicating that the sanitary landfill fully complies with the “Solid Waste Rules and Regulations” or other regulations promulgated by the IEPA pursuant to the authority granted by State law.

**SECTION 5-8 SURFACE MINING**

It shall be unlawful for any operator to engage in surface mining in Bond County until a permit has been properly obtained from the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals and has posted a performance bond in accordance with the provisions of applicable State Statutes and State regulations.

It shall be the policy of Bond County to take any lawful measure to prevent the issuance of a permit for any proposed surface mining operation involving: Land located within one thousand (1,000) feet of any significant existing development, especially residential development.

**5-8.1 RECLAMATION PLANS:**

As set forth in State law, whenever any land in Bond County is proposed to be surface mined, the prospective mine operator shall file a reclamation plan for public inspection at the Bond County Courthouse not less than sixty (60) days prior to any action on said plan by the Department of Mines and Minerals. Within forty-five (45) days of receiving said plan, the County Board may:

- (a) request that a public hearing be conducted in Bond County by the Department of Mines and Minerals; and
- (b) propose the uses for which surface mined land is to be reclaimed.

**SECTION 5-9 UNDERGROUND MINING**

It shall be unlawful for any operator to engage in underground mining in Bond County until a permit has been properly obtained from the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals.

**5-9.1 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

The following requirements must be met as a condition for obtaining a special use permit for underground mining activities:

- (a) no open pit or shaft shall be less than five hundred (500) feet from an existing residence or Residential District established by this ordinance; and
- (b) all building or structures for screening, crushing, washing, mixing or storage shall be located not less than one thousand (1,000) feet from an existing residence or any Residential District established by this ordinance.

**SECTION 5-10 OIL DRILLING OPERATIONS**

It shall be unlawful for any operator to engage in oil drilling operations in Bond County until a permit has been properly obtained from the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals.

Oil wells and oil storage tanks shall conform to the required setback requirements at the property line, except at intersections, where a thirty (30) foot setback in each direction from the corner is required.

**SECTION 5-11 SCREENING**

Any screening (see definition in Sec. 2-2) must conform to the front yard (any yard that abuts a street or road) setback requirements of the district in which it is located unless it is of a height and/or type that does not obstruct or physically interfere with the effectiveness of an official traffic sign, signal or device, or obstruct or physically interfere with a motor vehicle operator's view of approaching, merging or intersecting traffic.

## **SECTION 5-12 SOLAR/WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS (SWES)**

### **5-12.1 SELECTED DEFINITIONS REGARDING SOLAR/WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS:**

**FINANCIAL ASSURANCE or FINANCIAL SECURITY:** Assurance from a credit worthy party, examples of which include a surety bond (e.g., performance and payment bond), trust instrument, cash escrow, or irrevocable letter of credit.

**GROUND MOUNT:** A solar energy system that is directly installed into or onto the ground and is not attached or affixed to an existing structure.

**NET METERING:** A billing arrangement that allows solar customers to get credit for excess electricity that they generate and deliver back to the grid so that they only pay for their net electricity usage at the end of the month.

**OCCUPIED COMMUNITY BUILDING:** Any one or more of the following buildings that is existing and occupied on the date that the application for a siting permit to develop the Solar/Wind Energy System is filed with the County: a school, place of worship, day care facility, public library, or community center.

**PERSONAL SOLAR/WIND ENERGY SYSTEM (PSWES):** Any device or combination of devices or elements which rely upon direct sunlight/wind as an energy source including but not limited to any substance or device which uses or collects sunlight/wind for generating electricity for use on-site. However, the energy output may be delivered to a power grid to offset the cost of energy on-site. PSWES shall be considered an accessory use to a principal structure.

- Solar Energy Systems. All components required to become a complete assembly or structure that will convert solar energy into electricity for use.
- Wind Energy Systems –All components required to become a complete assembly or structure that will convert wind energy into electricity for use.
- Hybrid Systems – Integrated systems utilizing both solar and wind energy.

**SOLAR/WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS (SWES):** All components required to become a complete assembly or structure that will convert solar energy and/or wind into electricity for use.

**Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems (SWFES) –**A solar/wind farm is the principal land use for the parcel on which it is located. Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems (SWFES) are large-scale solar/wind facilities designed for commercial power generation installations and are only permitted uses in Agricultural, Commercial, or Industrial Districts.

### **5-12.2 INITIAL CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND FEES:**

Solar/Wind Energy Systems (SWES) will be required to have a Bond County Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit. Solar/Wind Energy Systems constructed before an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance has been issued will be charged double the application fee. A written plan and a plat/drawing for the proposed Solar/Wind Energy System shall be provided with the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance Application. The plat/drawing must show the location of the system on the building or on the property, with all property lines and setbacks indicated.

Fees for processing the application for building permits shall be submitted to and collected by the

Bond County Zoning Administrator.

**FEES**

Please refer to Appendix “A” entitled “Fee Schedule” which is attached and incorporated by reference regarding fees for PSWES and SWFES.

Additionally, Bond County reserves the right to hire outside counsel to enforce this ordinance or determine compliance with this ordinance. The owner or operator is liable for payment of reasonable attorneys’ fees in this regard.

Nothing herein shall prevent Bond County from taking such other lawful action to prevent or remedy violations. All costs connected therewith shall accrue to the applicant, owner, or operator responsible for the project. In addition to fees listed above and Appendix “A” the Applicant or Owner shall pay all costs incurred by Bond County, including but not limited to, those costs associated with all offices and boards of the County, and third-party costs incurred by the County. This includes, but is not limited to, the direct and indirect costs associated with the hearing, permitting, operations, inspections, decommissioning, litigation, disputes, and/or negotiations.

The fees do not include inspection fees, which must be paid by the Applicant. In addition to the inspection fees a one-time application fee will be assessed at the time the application is filed. The operator must hire an inspector and deliver the report to the Bond County Zoning Administrator.

**5-12.3 PERSONAL SOLAR/WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS (PSWES)**

Personal Solar/Wind Energy Systems (PSWES) shall be considered an accessory use to a principal structure and are a permitted use in any zoning district. The PSWES shall provide electricity for on-site use that shall be used solely to reduce on-site consumption of utility power, but energy output may be delivered to a power grid to offset the cost of energy on-site. PSWES must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and is subject to the following requirements;

**HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:**

See Section 4-12 and 55 ILCS 5/5-12020 for restrictions.

**SETBACK REQUIREMENTS**

See Section 4-12 and 55 ILCS 5/5-12020 for requirements.

- (a) No PSWES system shall be allowed to be placed in the front yard of any residential property.
  
- (b) For solar/wind units located within 500 feet of an airport or within approach zones of an airport, the Applicant shall complete and provide the results of the Solar Glaze Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) for the Airport Traffic Control Tower cab and final approach paths, consistent with the Interim Policy, FAA Review of Solar Energy Projects on Federal Obligated Airports, or most recent version adopted by the FAA.

- (c) Electric solar/wind energy systems components must have an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listing or approved equivalent. Solar energy collectors shall be documented by the manufacturer as being non-reflective pursuant to recognized engineering standards showing reflectivity of less than thirty percent (30%) and shall be placed such that concentrated sunlight or glare shall not be directed onto aircraft or nearby properties or streets.
- (d) PSWES may require screening from public view (including adjacent properties and public right of ways) by fencing, walls, plantings, or other architectural feature, or any combination thereof, provided however, that the screening not be required to be so dense or tall, or so located as to render the equipment essentially non-functional as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**APPLICATION**

- a.) Prior to construction of the Personal Solar /Wind Energy System, an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit, must be obtained from the Bond County Zoning Administrator. All information required by the Zoning Administrator and the following must be submitted to obtain Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance:
  - 1) Name, address, phone number of the Applicant and property owner,
  - 2) Site Plan showing property lines, all structures, setback lines, septic fields, and field tile locations if applicable,
  - 3) Location of all solar panels/wind turbines and associated equipment,
  - 4) Location of the electrical disconnect for the PSWES,
  - 5) Evidence the local electrical utility has been informed of the Applicant’s intent to install a PSWES, and
  - 6) Evidence the site plan has been submitted to the local fire protection district or department.

**5-12.4 SOLAR/WIND FARM ENERGY SYSTEMS (SWFES)**

Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems (SWFES) – A solar/wind farm is the principal land use for the parcel on which it is located. Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems (SWFES) are large-scale solar/wind facilities designed for commercial power generation installations and are only permitted uses in Agricultural, Commercial, or Industrial Districts.

All systems must comply with all applicable industrial standards, including those of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Applicants shall submit certificates of design compliance that equipment manufacturers have obtained from the Underwriters Laboratories (UL), or an equivalent third party, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and, when applicable, all SWFES shall conform to applicable Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ study), all applicable county, state, and national construction and electric codes shall be followed.

All parts or components of the SWFES shall be new equipment commercially available; no used or experimental equipment shall be used without the express approval of a variance granted by the Bond County Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Applicant shall comply with all requirements as contained in 55 ILCS 5/5-12020, this

Ordinance, and the conditions imposed under State and federal statutes and regulations. At least one (1) public hearing will be required prior to the issuance of an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit. The Applicant shall bear all costs associated with required public hearing(s), including but not limited to, all costs associated with notice requirements and publication, as well as obtaining the services of a certified court reporter to record the public hearing and issue the report to the Applicant and to Bond County. The public hearing(s) shall be conducted by the Bond County Board or the Bond County Zoning Board of Appeals. Said hearing shall be conducted within 45 days of submission of application for siting plan permit. Said meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and interested parties shall have the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing. There shall be a time limit of 30 minutes for presentation of evidence and a time limit of 5 minutes to cross-examine witnesses. Public comment shall be allowed consistent with the Open Meetings Act with no public comment to exceed 5 minutes in duration per participant.

#### PROHIBITION

No Solar/Wind Farm Energy System shall be constructed, erected, installed, or located within the County unless prior Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit, has been obtained for each individual SWFES or for a group of SWFES under a joint siting plan application pursuant to this Ordinance.

If there is a change in ownership of the SWFES, the owner, assuming ownership of the SWFES, shall provide written notice within 90 days of ownership transfer to the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation Office, Bond County Zoning Administrator, and landowners of such change. The financial assurance requirements and other terms of this Ordinance shall apply to the new SWFES owner.

#### APPLICATION:

The Applicant for SWFES shall be required to submit and obtain approval for all required documents pertaining to the application in addition to any requirements specified in the permitted use section of this Ordinance or as contained in the County code or any special conditions required by the Zoning Board of Appeals or Bond County Board. Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit, is required.

Prior to construction, an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance (building permit) must be obtained from the Bond County Zoning Administrator. The Applicant shall submit an update and finalized site plan with all items previously required in the application for an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance and any modifications required by the Zoning Board of Appeals, Bond County Board and Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall conduct a preliminary investigation by reviewing the application for completeness of requirements and when this preliminary investigation is complete, the Zoning Administrator shall schedule a date for a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals or the County Board within forty-five (45) days.

#### FEES

Please refer to Appendix “A” entitled “Fee Schedule” which is attached and incorporated by reference regarding fees for SWFES.

## INITIAL CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE

SWFES shall be required to obtain an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit, from the Bond County Zoning Administrator prior to any construction. The Applicant shall provide the following information to obtain an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance;

- (a) Written summary of the project including a general description of the project, including its approximate generating capacity.
- (b) Names, addresses, and phone numbers of the owner and operator.
- (c) Documentation demonstrating land ownership or legal control of the property.
- (d) Site Plan with existing conditions showing the following:
  - 1. Existing property lines and property lines extending 100 feet from the exterior boundaries, including the names of adjacent property owners and current use of those properties.
  - 2. Existing public and private roads, showing widths of roads and any associated easements, along with photographs of existing roads adjacent to the proposed solar/wind array and/or wind turbine.
  - 3. Location and size of any wells and septic field.
  - 4. Existing buildings with their uses identified.
  - 5. If there is a floodplain on the property, elevations required.
  - 6. Location of any field tiles.
- (e) Site plan of proposed condition:
  - 1. Location and spacing of solar panels and/or wind turbines.
  - 2. Setback lines.
  - 3. Location of access roads and access points.
  - 4. Planned location of underground or overhead electric lines connecting the solar/wind farm to a building, substation or other electric load.
  - 5. Description of method connecting the array to a building or substation.
  - 6. All SWFES structures including, but not limited to fencing, gates, substation, interconnect substation that is to be the connection point for the solar/wind farm, and location and voltage of any overhead transmission lines.
  - 7. Examples of facility signage.
  - 8. A plan for ongoing maintenance of the SWFES.
  - 9. A decommissioning plan prepared by a Professional Engineer, at the Applicant’s expense, that includes:
    - i. The estimated cost of the removal of the SWFES from the property and the restoration of that property as provided in the Department of Agriculture’s standard wind farm agricultural impact mitigation agreement, template 81818, or standard solar agricultural impact mitigation agreement, version 8.19.19, or as applicable and in effect on the date of the submission of the Application for an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, in current dollars at the time of filing,

for the SWFES, considering among other things:

1. The number of solar panels, racking, and related facilities involved;
  2. The original Construction costs of the SWFES
  3. The size and capacity, in megawatts, of the SWFES
  4. The salvage value of the SWFES (if all interests in salvage value are subordinate to that of the Financial Assurance holder if abandonment occurs);
  5. The Construction method and techniques for the SWFES and for other similar SWFES; and
  6. A comprehensive detailed description of how the Applicant plans to pay for the removal of the SWFES and the restoration of that property as provided in the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA).
    - a. The decommissioning plan shall be in conformity with the most recent version of AIMA approved by the State of Illinois, whenever the requirements of this ordinance differ from the most stringent requirements of the AIMA, the AIMA requirement shall prevail.
10. An AIMA executed between the Applicant and the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
  11. All required studies, reports, certifications, and approvals demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, as well as state, federal, and local laws.
  12. The topographic map shall include the SWFES site and surrounding area.
  13. Waivers from the setback requirements executed by the occupied community building owners and/or confirming that the waiver was recorded against title to the affected property.
  14. Results and recommendations from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources obtained through the Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) or a comparable successor tool.
  15. Results of any United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consulting environmental review or a comparable successor tool that is consistent with;
    - i. The "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines" and
    - ii. Any applicable United States Fish and Wildlife Service's solar wildlife guidelines.
  16. Information demonstrating that the SWFES will avoid protected lands.
  17. Information demonstrating that the Applicant has consulted with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office to assess potential impacts on State-registered historic sites and the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act.
  18. A vegetative management plan for the life of the SWFES that is consistent with the goals of the Pollinator-Friendly Solar Site Act.
  19. Any other information requested by the County or requested by the County consultants that is necessary to evaluate the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application and operation of the SWFES and to demonstrate that the SWFES meets each of the regulations of this Ordinance.
- (f) Material changes to the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application are not permitted once the notice of the public hearing has been submitted for publication, unless requested or permitted by the County.
- (g) Applicant shall submit one (1) copy of the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance

Application to the Bond County Zoning Administrator in electronic format.

## SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

- (a) The Applicant, owner or operator shall submit to the local fire protection district or districts a copy of the site plan.
- (b) A means of access for emergency services shall be provided and maintained.
- (c) The facility shall provide approval for access points from the road authority having jurisdiction.
- (d) All other applicable fire, life safety and/or emergency response laws and regulations apply.
- (e) All wiring between solar panels and/or wind turbines and the solar/wind farm facility substation shall be underground unless approved by the County of Bond.
- (f) Names and phone numbers of the site operator and electric utility provider must be provided to the Bond County Zoning Administrator, Bond County Sheriff's Department and local fire protection district(s). Any changes of contact shall be reported immediately.
- (g) Power and communication lines running between banks of solar panels and to electric substations or interconnections with building shall be buried underground unless water courses or other elements or natural landscape interfere.
- (h) If lighting is provided at the site, lighting shall be shielded and downcast such that the light does not spill onto the adjacent parcels.
- (i) Sound requirements shall be the most restrictive as established by the Illinois Pollution Control Board under 35 Ill Adm. Code Parts 900, 901, and 910.
- (j) The SWFES shall be designed and located to prevent glare toward any structure on nearby properties and roadways, including, but not limited to, highways and streets.
- (k) SWFES shall conform to all applicable industry standards, including those from the UL and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and, when applicable, all SWFES shall conform to any applicable Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ study). All applicable county, state, and national construction and electric codes shall be followed.
- (l) SWFES shall comply with the most restrictive setback requirements as determined in 55 ILCS 5/5-12020.
  - a. The setback requirements for the owner or adjacent properties may be waived by the written consent of the adjacent property owner(s). If such a waiver is executed, the Applicant need not obtain a variance from the County. Any waiver of any of the statutorily set setback requirements shall run with the land and be recorded with the Recorder of Deed of the County.
- (m) Any other requirements or conditions as determined necessary by the Bond County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Following the granting of Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance under this Ordinance, a third-party licensed engineering firm in the required disciplines, shall certify, as part of the SWFES Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application process, that the design of the SWFES is within accepted professional standards, given local soil, subsurface, and climate conditions, all costs shall be borne by the Applicant.

## DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

## DESIGN SAFETY CERTIFICATION

- (a) Solar/Wind Farm Energy Systems shall conform to the applicable industry standards, including those of the American National Standards Institute (“ANSI”). Applicants shall submit certificates of design compliance that equipment manufacturers have obtained from Underwriters Laboratories (“UL”) or an equivalent third party. All solar panels, cells and modules; solar panel mounts and racking, as well as any components to the wind energy system, including, but not limited to, any components of the tower, rotor, nacelle, generator, foundation or base including any helical piles, ground screws, ballasts, or other anchoring systems shall be new equipment commercially available; no used or experimental equipment shall be used without the approval of a variance as described in Section 9-4 of this Ordinance.
- (b) Following the granting of Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance approval under this Ordinance, a third-party licensed engineering firm in the required discipline shall certify, as part of the SWFES an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application process, that the design of the SWFES is within accepted professional standards, given local soil, subsurface and climate conditions.

## CONTROLS AND BRAKES FOR WIND ENERGY

All Wind Farm Energy Systems shall be equipped with a redundant braking system that shall conform to applicable local, state, and national codes, and relevant national and international standards.

## ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

All electrical components of the SWFES shall conform to applicable local, state, and national codes, and relevant national and international standards (e.g. ANSI and International Electrical Commission).

## HEIGHT

No component of a solar panel, cell, or modules may exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the ground at full tilt, or as determined by Illinois controlling statute, being 55 ILCS 5/5-12020. Blade tip height limitation on wind farm is as determined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under 14 CFR Part 77.

## AESTHETICS AND LIGHTING

- (1) Wind Energy Systems shall be painted white or gray or another non-reflective, unobtrusive color.
- (2) Wind Farm Energy Systems, to the extent feasible, shall consist of turbines of similar design and size, including tower height. Further, all turbines shall rotate in the same direction.
- (3) Vegetative Screening: SWFES shall require screening from public view (including adjacent properties and public right of ways) by vegetative screening. The landscaping screen shall be located between the required fencing and the property line of the parcel upon which the SWFES sits. The vegetative screening shall include a continuous line of native evergreen foliage and/or native shrubs and/or plantings of tall native grasses and other native flowering plants.

- (4) Lighting: If lighting is used, the lighting shall be shielded and downcast such that the light does not spill onto the adjacent property. Wind Farm Energy Systems (WFES) shall utilize minimal lighting that is compliant with the applicable height regulations, as amended by the FAA. To the extent that such tower lighting is available, and is approved by the FAA for a Wind Farm Energy System project, the Applicant shall install Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems (“ADLS”) or other similar technology to reduce light pollution and visual impacts caused by the WFES towers.
- (5) Intra-project Power and Communication Lines: All power lines used to collect power and all communication lines shall be buried underground at a depth in accordance with the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA) until same reaches the property line or a substation adjacent to the property line.
- (6) Vegetative Ground Cover: SWFES owner shall plant, establish, and maintain, for the life of the project, vegetative ground cover consistent with the goals of the Pollinator Friendly Solar Site Act. Said plan must be submitted for approval to the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- (7) Fencing and Climbing Prevention:
  - (a) Solar Farm Energy System, a fence of at least six (6) feet and not more than twenty-five (25) feet in height shall enclose and secure the SWFES.
  - (b) Wind Farm Energy System:
    - (i) All towers must be unclimbable by design or protected by anti-climbing devices such as: fences with locking portals at least eight (8) feet high, or anti-climbing devices twelve (12) feet vertically from the base of the tower.
    - (ii) Areas requiring fencing for electrical equipment, switch yards, and /or other industrial equipment shall meet the applicable guidelines including National Electric Safety Code requirements, be grounded at minimum requirement, and include all applicable safety and danger precautionary signage.
    - (iii) A fence of at least six (6) feet with barbwire and not more than twenty-five (25) feet in height shall enclose and secure the system.
    - (iv) Fencing must be commercial heavy-duty metal mesh construction to meet all security requirements to keep animals and people out of facility.
- (8) Warnings:
  - (a) A reasonably visible warning sign concerning voltage must be placed at the base of all pad-mounted transformers, substation, entrances to SWFES and in a reasonable visible area on all buildings or structures.
  - (b) Visible, reflective, colored objects, such as flags, plastic sleeves, reflectors, or tape shall be placed on the anchor points of guy-wires and along the guy-wires up to a height on fifteen (15) feet from the ground.

#### USE OF PUBLIC ROADS

- (a) An Applicant proposing to use any County, municipality, township or village road(s), for the purpose of transporting Solar/Wind Farm Energy System or Substation parts, and/or equipment for construction, operation, or maintenance of the SWFES or Substation(s), shall;
  - 1. Identify all such public roads; and
  - 2. Obtain applicable weight and size Permits from relevant government agencies

prior to construction.

- (b) To the extent an Applicant must obtain a weight or size permit from the County, municipality, township, or village, the Applicant shall;
1. Conduct a pre-construction baseline survey to determine existing road conditions for assessing potential future damage; and
  2. Any proposed public roads that will be used for construction purposes shall be identified and approved in writing by the respective Road District Commissioner and the County Highway Engineer prior to the granting of the Permit. Traffic for construction purposes shall be limited to these roads. All overweight and/or oversized loads to be transported on public roads may require a Permit from the respective highway authority. Any road damage caused by the transport of the facility's equipment, the installation, maintenance, or removal, must be completely repaired to the reasonable satisfaction of the Road District Commissioner and the County Highway Engineer. The Road District Commissioner and County Highway Engineer may require either remediation of road damage upon completion of the SWFES, or collect fees through reauthorized permits for overweight and/or oversized loads. Further financial assurance in an amount to be fixed by the Road District Commissioner to ensure the Road District or the County that future repairs are completed to their reasonable satisfaction shall be provided. Applicant shall submit a draft form of said financial assurance with application for an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance.
  3. Enter into a road use agreement with the County and each affected Road District that includes the following provisions, at a minimum:
    - i. Project layout map;
    - ii. Transportation impact analysis;
    - iii. Pre-construction plans;
    - iv. Project traffic map;
    - v. Project scope of repairs;
    - vi. Post-construction repairs;
    - vii. Insurance;
    - viii. Financial Security in forms and amounts acceptable to the County;

The road use agreement shall require Applicant to be responsible for the reasonable cost of improving roads used to construct Solar/Wind Farm Energy System and the reasonable cost of repairing roads used by the SWFES owner during construction of the project so that those roads are in a condition that is safe for the driving public after the completion of the SWFES construction. Roadways improved in preparation for and during the construction of the SWFES shall be repaired and restored to the improved condition at the reasonable cost of the developer if the roadways have degraded or were damaged as a result of construction-related activities.

- (c) All repairs and improvements to public roads and roadway appurtenances shall be subject to the prior approval of the County before being made and shall also be subject to inspection and acceptance by the County after such repairs and improvements are completed. The County's road use agreement, and any further agreements contemplated therein, regarding the maintenance and repair of public roads and highways, must be approved

by the Bond County Highway Engineer prior to the Board's approval of any Solar/Wind Farm Energy System Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application related to the construction of the proposed Solar/Wind Farm Energy System.

#### SITE ASSESSMENT

To ensure that the subsurface conditions of the site will provide proper support for the Solar/Wind Farm Energy System and soil restoration, the Applicant, at their expense, shall provide soil and geotechnical boring reports to the County as part of its SWFES Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance. The Applicant shall follow the guidelines for Conservation Practices Impact Mitigation submitted by the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District. Also, the Applicant shall submit grading plans for the proposed Substations for review and comment by the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District prior to the issuance of any SWFES Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance for the construction of said substations.

#### NOISE LEVELS

Noise levels from SWFES shall be in compliance with applicable Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) regulations. The Applicant shall submit manufacturer's sound power level characteristics and other relevant data regarding noise characteristics necessary for a competent noise analysis. The Applicant, through the use of a qualified professional, shall appropriately demonstrate compliance with the applicable noise requirements in its Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application.

#### AGRICULTURAL IMPACT MITIGATION

Pursuant to 505 ILCS 147/15(a), the Applicant, at their expense, shall enter into an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture prior to any public hearing required before an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance decision on the Solar/Wind Farm Energy System application. All impacted agricultural land, whether impacted during construction, operation, or decommissioning activities, must, at a minimum, be remediated by the Applicant pursuant to the terms of the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The Applicant shall submit the executed Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement to the County as part of the Permit application.

#### AS-BUILT MAP AND PLANS

Within sixty (60) calendar days of completion of construction of the Solar/Wind Farm Energy System, the Applicant or Operator shall deliver to the Bond County Zoning Administrator "as-built" maps, site plan and engineering plans for the SWFES that have been signed and stamped by a Professional Engineer and a licensed surveyor.

#### ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

The Solar/Wind Farm Energy System engineer's certificate shall be completed by a structural engineer registered in the State of Illinois and shall certify that the specific soils and subsurface conditions at the site can support the apparatus, given local soil, subsurface and climate conditions. The SWFES engineer's certificate shall be a public record and shall be submitted as part of the Permit application.

#### CONFORMANCE WITH APPROVED APPLICATION AND PLANS

The Applicant shall construct and operate the SWFES in substantial conformance with the construction plans contained in a County-approved submitted Permit application(s), conditions placed upon the operation of the Facility, this Ordinance and all applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations.

#### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (a) All technical submissions as defined in the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 325/4(w)) and contained in the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance Application shall be prepared and signed by an Illinois Professional Engineer (or structural engineer) for the relevant discipline.
- (b) The County may retain a qualified, independent code inspector or professional engineer both to make appropriate inspections of the SWFES during and after construction and to consult with the County to confirm that the construction, substantial repair, replacement, repowering and/or decommissioning of the SWFES is performed in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local electrical and building codes. The cost and fees so incurred by the County in retaining said inspector or engineer shall be promptly reimbursed by the Applicant of the SWFES.
- (c) The Applicant shall comply with 35 ILCS 200/10-720 *et seq.*
- (d) The Permit granted to the Applicant shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Applicant, their successors-in-interest and assigns. If any provision in this Ordinance, or conditions placed upon the operation of the SWFES is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision and, to this end, the provisions in this Ordinance are severable.
- (e) The Applicant shall provide an executed road use agreement between the Applicant and the appropriate governing road and highway jurisdictions or the Illinois Department of Transportation, to the County showing approved entrances prior to the issuance of any SWFES Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance.
- (f) Complaint Resolution: The Applicant shall, at their expense and in coordination with the County, develop a system for logging and investigating complaints related to the SWFES project. The Applicant shall resolve such non-emergency complaints on a case-by-case basis and shall provide written confirmation to the County. All costs and fees incurred by the County in attempting to or resolving complaints shall be reimbursed by the Applicant of the SWFES. The Applicant shall also designate and maintain for the duration of the SWFES project either a local telephone number or a toll-free telephone number and an email address as its public information/ inquiry/ and complaint "hotline" which shall be answered by a customer service representative 24/7 basis. The Applicant shall post the telephone number(s) and

email address(es) for the customer service representative(s) in a prominent, easy to find location on their websites and at the SWFES site on signage.

#### OPERATION MAINTENANCE

- (a) Annual Report. The Applicant must submit to the Bond County Zoning Administrator, on an annual basis on the anniversary date of the issuance of Final Certificate of Zoning Compliance, an operation and maintenance report to the County. The report shall contain the following information: (i) a general description of any physical repairs, replacements or modification(s) to the SWFES and/or its infrastructure; (ii) complaints pertaining to setbacks, noise, appearance, safety, lighting and use of any public roads received by the Applicant concerning the SWFES Facility and the resolution of such complaints; (iii) calls for emergency services; (iv) status of liability insurance; and (v) a general summary of service calls to the SWFES. Failure to provide the annual report shall be considered a material violation of this Ordinance.
- (b) Re-Certification. Any physical modification to the SWFES that alters the mechanical load, mechanical load path, or major electrical components shall require re-certification under the provisions of this Ordinance. Like-kind replacements and modifications that are made in the ordinary course of operations, including expected repairs and warranty items, shall not require re-certification. Prior to making any physical modification (other than a like-kind replacement or other modifications made in the ordinary course of operations), the Applicant shall confer with a relevant third-party certifying entity identified in Design and Safety Certification section of this Ordinance (identified under Section 5-12.4) to determine whether the physical modification requires re-certification.

#### COORDINATION WITH EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

- (a) The Applicant shall submit to the local emergency responders a copy of the Site Plan, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs), and any amendments to such documents, for the Solar/Wind Farm Energy System so that the local law enforcement, fire protection district and rescue units, emergency medical service providers and emergency management service providers that have jurisdiction over each solar/wind site may evaluate and coordinate their emergency response plans with the Applicant of the SWFES.
- (b) The Applicant, at their expense, shall provide annual training for, and the necessary equipment to, the Operator and local emergency response authorities and their personnel so that they can properly respond to a potential emergency at the facility. This training shall be conducted before initial construction and annually thereafter. Said documentation shall be submitted to the Bond County Zoning Administrator.
- (c) The Applicant and the Operator shall cooperate with all local emergency responders to develop an emergency response plan. The plan shall include, at a minimum, 24-hour contact information (names, titles, email addresses, cell phone numbers) for the

Applicant and the Operator and at least three (3) designated SWFES representatives (a primary representative with two (2) alternate representatives, each of whom are on- call "24 hours per day / 7 days per week /365 days per year"). Any change in the designated SWFES representative or his/her contact information shall be promptly communicated to the County. The content of the emergency response plan, including the 24-hour contact information, shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

- (d) Nothing in this section shall alleviate the need to comply with all other applicable life safety, fire/emergency laws and regulations.

#### WATER, SEWER, MATERIALS HANDLING, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

- (a) All solid wastes related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the SWFES shall be removed from the site promptly and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
- (b) All hazardous materials related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the SWFES shall be handled, stored, transported, and disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
- (c) The SWFES shall comply with existing septic and well regulations as required by the Bond County Health Department and the State of Illinois Department of Public Health.

#### SIGNAGE

Signage regulations are to be consistent with ANSI and OSHA standards. A clearly visible warning sign concerning voltage shall be placed at the base of any pad-mounted transformers and substations, and at all entrances to the SWFES.

#### DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

The Applicant, at their expense, will repair, in a prompt and timely manner, all waterways, drainage ditches, agricultural drainage systems, field tiles, or any other private and public infrastructure improvements damaged during construction, maintenance, and operation phases of the Solar/Wind Farm Energy System in accordance with the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement.

#### INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY

Commencing with the issuance of a SWFES an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, the Applicant, owner, and/or operator shall maintain a current general comprehensive liability policy and automobile liability coverage covering bodily injury, death and illness, and property damage with limits of at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per occurrence and in the aggregate Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000); and, shall further maintain the above-stated lines of insurance from delivery of the Notice to Proceed by the Applicant for the SWFES, in coverage amounts of at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per occurrence and Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) in the aggregate during the life of the SWFES. The Applicant shall file the original certificate of insurance upon commencement of project construction prior to the issuance of a SWFES an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance corresponding policies and endorsements

to be provided within sixty (60) days of issuance, and at each subsequent renewal, at least annually thereafter to the Bond County Zoning Administrator and the Bond County Clerk, and any loss in coverage must be reported within 3 working days of loss. Failure to maintain coverage shall be considered a cessation of operations pursuant to the section labeled in this ordinance as Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan Required.

The Applicant, owner and/or operator of the SWFES project shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Bond and its officials, elected and appointed, employees, departments, attorneys, engineers and agents (collectively and individually, the “Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, cost, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including attorney’s fees, relating to or arising out of the issuance of the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance or the construction, operation, maintenance, and removal of the SWFES including, without limitation liability for property damage or personal injury (including death or illness), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence) or any acts or omissions of the Applicant, the Owner or the Operator under this Ordinance or the Permit, except to the extent any such claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities arise from the negligence or intentional acts of such Indemnified Parties. This general indemnification shall not be construed as limiting or qualifying the County's other indemnification rights available under the law.

#### DECOMMISSIONING AND SITE RECLAMATION PLAN REQUIRED

The Applicant must formulate a Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan to ensure that the Solar/Wind Farm Energy System is properly decommissioned. The Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan shall be binding upon the Applicant and their successors-in-interest and assigns and shall apply to all participating parcels in the SWFES, irrespective of the owner of title to such parcels. A signed Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan must be submitted to the County prior to the granting of the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance. The Applicant shall ensure that the SWFES is properly decommissioned within twelve (12) months of the end of the SWFES’s life. The Applicant shall include removal of all physical material of the project improvements to a depth of sixty (60) inches beneath the soil surface and the restoration of the area in accordance with the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement.

(a) Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan shall be prepared by an independent Illinois Certified Professional Engineer and shall include:

1. A description of the methodology and cost to remove all above ground and below ground SWFES equipment of the approved Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance;
2. Provisions for the removal of all above ground and below ground SWFES equipment of the approved Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance;
3. Methodology and cost to restore all areas used for construction, operation, and access to a condition equivalent to the land prior to the SWFES construction;
4. A work schedule and a Permit list necessary to accomplish the required work;
5. Methodology to identify and manage any hazardous or special materials;

6. Submission of a draft form of Financial Security to the County in the form of a surety bond (performance and payment bond), irrevocable letter of credit or a cash escrow account that names County as the beneficiary, or other type of Financial Security that is approved by the County. If an irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond (performance and payment bond) is selected, the original of the irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond shall be held by the County. If a cash escrow is selected, the cash escrow shall be held and managed by an independent third party (e.g., escrow agent or title company) on behalf of the County, subject to escrow instructions that incorporate the applicable decommissioning and repair / replacement /restoration obligations of this Agreement as executed by the County and the Applicant;
  7. The amount of Financial Security shall be equal to the total cost of all decommissioning and restoration work minus the salvage value of the SWFES equipment. To determine that amount, the Applicant shall: (a) obtain bid specifications provided by a professional structural engineer; (b) request estimates from construction / demolition companies capable of completing the decommissioning of the SWFES; and (c) certification of the selected estimate by a third-party licensed engineering firm in the required discipline. The County Highway engineer, an independent engineer of the County's choosing, and the Zoning Administrator will review all estimates and make a recommendation to the County Board for an acceptable estimate. The County reserves the right to pursue other estimates. All costs to secure the estimates will be funded by the Applicant;
  8. A provision that the terms of the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan shall be binding upon the Applicant including any of its successors-in-interest and assigns;
  9. Confirmation by affidavit that the obligation to decommission the SWFES is included in the lease agreement for every parcel included in the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application. A list of all landowners should be kept current, and affidavits shall be secured from Applicant and landowners stating their financial understanding;
  10. A provision that allows for Bond County to have the legal right to transfer applicable SWFES material to salvage firms;
  11. Identification of and procedures for Bond County to access the Financial Assurances; and
  12. A provision that Bond County shall have access to the site, pursuant to reasonable notice to affect or complete decommissioning. A portion of the Decommission Security will be required to be held for one (1) year past the decommissioning to settle any potential disputes.
- (b) Provisions triggering the decommissioning of any portion of the Solar and/or Wind Farm Energy System or its facility:
1. If Applicant has not paid landowners an amount owed in accordance with their lease agreements for a period of six (6) consecutive months.
  2. The Applicant dissolves or abandons the SWFES without first transferring the SWFES to a successor-in-interest or assign.
  3. If any part of the SWFES falls into disrepair or creates any other health and safety issue.
- (c) Provisions for the removal of structures, debris and cabling; both above and below the soil surface:
1. Items required to be removed include but are not limited to: solar panels, cells and modules; solar panel mounts, cabling, and racking, including any helical piles, ground screws, ballasts, or other anchoring systems; solar panel foundations, if used, to a depth

of 60 inches; all components of a wind farm, including but not limited to, foundation, tower, turbine rotor and hub, nacelle, blades, and control system, as well as, transformers, inverters, cabling, energy storage facilities, or substations; overhead collection system components; operations/maintenance buildings, spare parts buildings and substations/switching gear buildings; access roads; operation/maintenance yard/staging area; debris and litter; underground cables, fencing, access roads and culverts. A landowner must sign an agreement if they wish for operations/maintenance buildings, spare parts buildings and substations/switching gear buildings; operation/maintenance yard/staging area; access roads or culverts to remain.

(d) Provisions for the restoration of soil and vegetation:

1. All affected areas shall be inspected, thoroughly cleaned and all construction related debris shall be removed.
2. All affected areas must be remediated pursuant to the terms of the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
3. Items required to be restored include but are not limited to: windbreaks, waterways, site grading, drainage tile systems and topsoil to former productive levels.
  - a) In work areas involving decommission from widening access roads or any other work areas, the topsoil must be first removed, identified, and stored separate from other excavated material for later replacement as applicable.
  - b) The 60-inch below-surface excavation area shall be filled with clean sub-grade material of similar quality to that in the immediate surrounding area.
  - c) All sub-grade material will be compacted to a density similar to surrounding grade material.
  - d) All unexcavated areas compacted by equipment used in decommissioning shall be de-compacted in a manner that adequately restores the topsoil and sub-grade material to the proper density consistent and compatible with the surrounding area.
  - e) The topsoil shall be replaced to its original depth and surface contours.
  - f) Any topsoil deficiency and trench settling shall be mitigated with imported topsoil that is consistent with the quality of the effected site.
4. Items required to be repaired after decommissioning include but are not limited to roads, bridges and culverts.
5. An independent drainage engineer shall be present to ensure drainage tiles, waterways, culverts, etc. are repaired as work progresses.
6. A soil erosion control plan shall be approved by the County Soil and Water Conservation District.
7. All applicable stormwater management, floodplain and other surface water rules, regulations and requirements shall be followed.

(e) Estimating the costs of decommissioning:

1. Costs shall include but not be limited to engineering fees, legal fees, account fees, insurance costs, decommissioning and site restoration minus the salvage value of the SWFES.
2. Adjustments to the financial assurance amount that reflect changes in the decommissioning costs shall be submitted every five (5) years after the initial ten (10)

years of operation and shall be adjusted accordingly within six (6) months of receiving the updated information as determined by an Illinois licensed professional engineer. Failure to provide financial assurance as outlined herein shall be considered a cessation of operation.

(f) Financial assurance:

1. Financial Security shall be phased in and provided to the County over the first eleven (11) years of the project as follows:
  - a) On or before the first anniversary of the date that the SWFES produces power for sale, not including test power (“date of operation”), the Applicant shall provide the County with Financial Security to cover ten (10) percent of the estimated costs of decommissioning the SWFES as determined in the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan.
  - b) On or before the sixth anniversary of the date of operation, the Applicant shall provide the County with Financial Security to cover fifty (50) percent of the estimated costs of decommissioning the SWFES as determined in the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan.
  - c) On or before the eleventh anniversary of the date of operation, the Applicant shall provide the County with Financial Security to cover one hundred (100) percent of the estimated costs of decommissioning the SWFES as determined in the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan.
2. The County shall have immediate access, upon written notice to the Applicant, to use the Decommission Security if:
  - a) After abandonment of the SWFES, the Applicant, upon a reasonable determination by the County Board, fails to address a health and safety issue in a timely manner; or
  - b) The Applicant fails to decommission the abandoned SWFES in accordance with the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan.
3. If possible for the type of Decommission Security provided, the Applicant shall grant perfected security in the Financial Assurance by use of a control agreement establishing the County as an owner of record pursuant to the Secured Transit Article of the Uniform Commercial Code, 810 ILCS 9, *et seq.*
4. The County Board or its escrow agent shall release the Financial Assurance when the Applicant has demonstrated and the County concurs that decommissioning has been satisfactorily completed, or upon written approval of the County to implement the decommissioning plan. Ten (10) percent of the Financial Assurance shall be retained one (1) year past the date to settle any outstanding concerns.
5. The Applicant shall identify procedures for the County to assess the financial assurances, particularly if it is determined that there is a health and/or safety issue with the SWFES and the principal company fails to adequately respond as reasonably determined by the County Board.
6. The County shall be listed as a debtor in connection with any proceeding in insolvency or bankruptcy but shall not be responsible for any claims against the Applicant.
7. The Applicant shall agree that the obligations and liabilities under a permit shall be binding upon the Applicant (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes their successors-in-interest and assignees) and the Operator. The Applicant further shall agree that the sale,

assignment in fact or at law, or other transfer of the Applicant's financial interest in the SWFES shall in no way effect or change the Applicant's obligation to continue to comply with the terms, covenants, and obligations of the Permit, including but not limited to the decommissioning obligations associated with the SWFES.

8. The County and its authorized representatives have the right of entry onto the SWFES premises for the purpose of inspecting the methods of reclamation or for performing actual reclamation if necessary.

## SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of these regulations.

## INTERPRETATION

The provisions of these regulations shall be held to the minimum requirements adopted for the promotion and preservation of public health, safety, and general welfare of Bond County. These regulations are not intended to repeal, abrogate, annul or in any manner interfere with existing regulations or laws of Bond County nor conflict with any statutes of the State of Illinois.

## **SECTION 5-13: BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)**

### **5-13.1 SELECTED DEFINITIONS REGARDING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

**BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS):** One or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy to supply electrical energy at a future time. The term includes, but is not limited to, electrochemical, thermal, and electromechanical technologies, but does not include a stand-alone 12-volt car battery or an electric motor vehicle, or battery storage utilized for on-site power, such as battery energy storage located on a single residential parcel and utilized solely by that residence for power.

**DEDICATED-USE BUILDING:** A building that is built for the primary intention of housing battery energy storage equipment.

**FINANCIAL ASSURANCE or FINANCIAL SECURITY:** Assurance from a credit worthy party, examples of which include a surety bond (e.g., performance and payment bond), trust instrument, cash escrow, or irrevocable letter of credit.

**NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE (NEC) also known as NFPA 70:** A set of standards for the safe installation of electric wiring and equipment in the United States. Primary purpose is to ensure the safe installation of stationary energy storage systems, including those using lithium batteries. This standard addresses various aspects of installation to mitigate fire and explosion risks associated

with energy storage technologies. Covers topics such as system design, construction, operation, and maintenance to ensure safety and reliability.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) 855: The *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems*, provides comprehensive guidelines for the safe installation of stationary energy storage systems, including those using lithium batteries. This standard addresses various aspects of installation to mitigate fire and explosion risks associated with energy storage technologies. Covering topics such as system design, construction, operation, and maintenance to ensure safety and reliability.

OCCUPIED COMMUNITY BUILDING: Any one or more of the following buildings that is existing and occupied on the date that the application for an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit, to develop the Battery Energy Storage System is filed with the County: a school, place of worship, day care facility, public library, or community center.

### **5-13.2 APPLICABILITY**

This section applies to all Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) within Bond County, Illinois. BESS are permitted as only an accessory structure for use in conjunction with SWFES, or an existing utility substation.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, a BESS incorporated as part of the original design of a Solar/Wind Farm Energy System is covered by Section 5-12 *et seq.* for the BESS. A BESS proposed to be connected to an existing SWFES is required to seek and obtain a separate Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance prior to the transportation, construction, erection, installation, location, or operation of the BESS. No BESS is allowed in a SWFES unless it is part of the design of the facility included in the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance. A BESS seeking an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance to connect to an existing SWFES must comply with all aspects of this Ordinance, including Section 5-12 *et seq.* unless expressly stated otherwise.

The Applicant shall comply with all requirements as contained in 55 ILCS 5/5-12020, this Ordinance, and the conditions imposed under State and federal statutes and regulations. At least one (1) public hearing will be required prior to issuance of an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance. The Applicant shall bear all costs associated with required public hearing(s), including but not limited to, all costs associated with conducting public hearing, notice, publication, and obtaining the services of a certified court reporter to record the public hearing and issue the report to the Applicant and to Bond County. The public hearing(s) shall be conducted by the Bond County Board or the Bond County Zoning Board of Appeals. Said hearing shall be conducted within 45 days of submission of application for an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance. Said meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and interested parties shall have the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing. There shall be a time limit of 30 minutes for presentation of evidence and a time limit of 5 minutes to cross-examine witnesses. Public comment shall be allowed consistent with the Open Meetings Act with no public

comment to exceed 5 minutes in duration per participant.

BESS are only permitted uses in Agricultural, Commercial, or Industrial Districts.

BESS shall conform to applicable industry standards, including those of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Applicants shall submit certificates of design compliance that equipment manufacturers have obtained from the Underwriters Laboratories (UL), or an equivalent third party and applicable industry standards. All batteries, cells, panels, racking systems, containers, and all anchoring systems shall be new equipment commercially available; no used or experimental equipment shall be used without the approval of a variance by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A third-party licensed engineering firm in the required discipline shall certify, as part of the BESS permit application process that the design of the BESS is within accepted professional standards, given local soil, subsurface and climate conditions.

#### PROHIBITION

No BESS shall be constructed, erected, installed, or located within the County, unless it is connected to a SWFES or an existing utility substation, and:

- (a) An Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance has been issued by the Bond County Zoning Administrator; and
- (b) Road Use Agreement(s) and Decommissioning Agreement(s) have been entered into for each applicable governmental agency for the BESS; and
- (c) If there is a change in ownership of the BESS, the owner, assuming ownership of the BESS, shall provide written notice within 90 days of ownership transfer to the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation Office, Bond County Zoning Administrator, and landowners of such change. The financial assurance requirements and other terms of this Ordinance shall apply to the new BESS owner.

#### INITIAL CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE

The Applicant for BESS shall be required to submit and obtain approval for all required documents pertaining to the application for Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance in addition to any requirements specified in the permitted use section of this Ordinance or as contained in the County code or any special conditions required by the Zoning Board of Appeals or Bond County Board.

BESS shall be required to obtain an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance from the Bond County Zoning Administrator prior to any construction. The Applicant shall provide the following information to obtain an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance;

- (a) Written summary of the project including a general description of the project, including but not limited to:

1. The approximate total power capacity, energy capacity, and discharge duration of BESS.
  2. The type(s) of battery(ies) used, and their potential manufacturer(s).
  3. A preliminary equipment specification sheet that documents the proposed BESS components, inverters and associated electrical equipment that are to be installed.
  4. The maximum height of any battery storage container, racking system or dedicated-use building.
  5. An electrical diagram detailing the BESS layout, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electric Code (NEC) compliant disconnects and other current devices.
  6. The general location of the project.
- (b) A description of the Applicant, Owner, and Operator, including their respective business structures;
  - (c) The name(s), address(es), and phone number(s) of the Applicant(s), Owner and Operator, and all property owner(s), if known, and documentation demonstrating land ownership or legal control of the property;
  - (d) A site plan for the BESS showing the planned location of the BESS and all related components, including legal descriptions of each site, parcel boundary lines, setback lines, public access roads, and turnout locations, substation(s), operations and maintenance buildings, electrical cabling to the substation(s) and/or energy generation facility, ancillary equipment, third party transmission lines, the location of any wetlands, flood plain, drainage structures (including surface ditches and subsurface drainage lines), archaeological sites, underground mines, scenic and natural areas within one thousand five hundred (1500) feet of the proposed BESS, and the layout of all structures within the geographical boundaries of any applicable setback.
  - (e) A proposed Decommission Plan for the BESS.
  - (f) All required studies, reports, certifications, and approvals demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and federal, state, and local law.
  - (g) An Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA) executed between the Applicant and the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
  - (h) Results and recommendations from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources obtained through the Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) or a comparable successor tool.
  - (i) Results of any United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consulting environment review or a comparable successor tool that is consistent with an applicable United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Energy Development wildlife guidelines.
  - (j) Information demonstrating the BESS will avoid protected lands.
  - (k) If applicable, waiver(s) from the setback requirements executed by the Occupied Community Building owners and/or the adjacent property owners, bearing a file stamp from the Bond County Recorder's Office, confirming that the waiver was recorded against the title to the affected real property.
  - (l) Preliminary emergency services plan, including but not limited to, the project summary, electrical schematic and means of shutting down the BESS facility throughout the life of the installation.

- (m) Preliminary operation and maintenance plan of the BESS including measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, stormwater controls, landscaping maintenance, as well as general procedures for operation and maintenance of the installation.
- (n) Any other information requested by the Zoning Administrator and the County consultants that is necessary to evaluate the application and operation of the BESS, and to demonstrate that the BESS meets the regulations in this Ordinance and complies with all relevant federal, state, and local laws.

Material changes to the application are not permitted once the Notice of Public Hearing has been published, unless requested or permitted by the County.

Applicant to submit one (1) copy to the Bond County Zoning Administrator and it shall be in electronic format.

#### FEES

Please refer to Appendix “A” entitled “Fee Schedule” which is attached and incorporated by reference regarding fees for BESS.

Additionally, Bond County reserves the right to hire outside counsel to enforce this ordinance or determine compliance with this ordinance. The owner or operator is liable for payment of reasonable attorneys’ fees in this regard.

Nothing herein shall prevent Bond County from taking such other lawful action to prevent or remedy violations. All costs connected therewith shall accrue to the applicant, owner, or operator responsible for the project. In addition to fees listed above and Appendix “A” the Applicant or Owner shall pay all costs incurred by Bond County, including but not limited to, those costs associated with all offices and boards of the County, and third-party costs incurred by the County. This includes, but is not limited to, the direct and indirect costs associated with the hearing, permitting, operations, inspections, decommissioning, litigation, disputes, and/or negotiations.

An Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit, is required prior to construction.

A final site plan and regulatory approvals must be submitted before issuance.

#### SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

BESS shall comply with NFPA 855 requirements related to setbacks and buffers.

BESS must comply with setbacks required for principal structures in the respective zoning district. A minimum 500-foot setback is required from residential dwellings and public facilities.

#### DESIGN AND INSTALLATION LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

BESS shall comply with NFPA 855 requirements related to lighting. SECURITY AND SCREENING

BESS shall have a perimeter fence of at least seven (7) feet in height, consistent with requirements established in NFPA 70 with controlled access. Barbed wire is permitted for security enhancements.

BESS shall also comply with specifications established in NFPA 855 relating to barriers and buffering.

The entirety of the BESS facility shall be enclosed with a living buffer of coniferous, evergreen, and/or other trees and plants that is approved by the Bond County Zoning Administrator that provide year-round visual screen, such must be planted and maintained in accordance with the original plan within six (6) months following the operation date.

#### USE OF PUBLIC ROADS

(a) An Applicant proposing to use any County, municipality, township or village road(s), for the purpose of transporting Solar/Wind Farm Energy System or Substation parts, and/or equipment for construction, operation, or maintenance of the SWFES or Substation(s), shall;

1. Identify all such public roads; and
2. Obtain applicable weight and size Permits from relevant government agencies prior to construction.

(b) To the extent an Applicant must obtain a weight or size permit from the County, municipality, township, or village, the Applicant shall;

1. Conduct a pre-construction baseline survey to determine existing road conditions for assessing potential future damage; and
2. Any proposed public roads that will be used for construction purposes shall be identified and approved in writing by the respective Road District Commissioner and the County Highway Engineer prior to the granting of the Permit. Traffic for construction purposes shall be limited to these roads. All overweight and/or oversized loads to be transported on public roads may require a Permit from the respective highway authority. Any road damage caused by the transport of the facility's equipment, the installation, maintenance, or removal, must be completely repaired to the reasonable satisfaction of the Road District Commissioner and the County Highway Engineer. The Road District Commissioner and County Highway Engineer may require either remediation of road damage upon completion of the SWFES, or collect fees through reauthorized permits for overweight and/or oversized loads. Further financial assurance in an amount to be fixed by the Road District Commissioner to ensure the Road District or the County that future repairs are completed to their reasonable satisfaction shall be provided. Applicant shall submit a draft form of said financial assurance with application for an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance.
3. Enter into a road use agreement with the County and each affected Road District that includes the following provisions, at a minimum:
  - i. Project layout map;
  - ii. Transportation impact analysis;
  - iii. Pre-construction plans;
  - iv. Project traffic map;

- v. Project scope of repairs;
- vi. Post-construction repairs;
- vii. Insurance;
- viii. Financial Security in forms and amounts acceptable to the County;

The road use agreement shall require Applicant to be responsible for the reasonable cost of improving roads used to construct Solar/Wind Farm Energy System and the reasonable cost of repairing roads used by the SWFES owner during construction of the project so that those roads are in a condition that is safe for the driving public after the completion of the SWFES construction. Roadways improved in preparation for and during the construction of the SWFES shall be repaired and restored to the improved condition at the reasonable cost of the developer if the roadways have degraded or were damaged as a result of construction-related activities.

©All repairs and improvements to public roads and roadway appurtenances shall be subject to the prior approval of the County before being made and shall also be subject to inspection and acceptance by the County after such repairs and improvements are completed. The County's road use agreement, and any further agreements contemplated therein, regarding the maintenance and repair of public roads and highways, must be approved by the Bond County Highway Engineer prior to the Board's approval of any Solar/Wind Farm Energy System Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance application related to the construction of the proposed Solar/Wind Farm Energy System.

#### NOISE LEVELS

Noise levels must comply with the sound limitations set by the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) under 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 900,901, and 910. The BESS shall maintain compliance with the applicable IPCB regulations throughout the entire operational period. Any cost associated with testing said levels shall be borne by the Owner of the BESS. If at any time throughout the life of the BESS, the noise levels are found to not be in compliance with this Section, the Applicant or Owner will immediately shut off the BESS until the County approves a solution after a public hearing at the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Bond County Board. The Applicant or Owner shall bear all costs associated with said hearing.

#### AGRICULTURAL IMPACT MITIGATION

Pursuant to 505 ILCS 147/15(a), the Applicant, at their expense, shall enter into an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture prior to any public hearing required before an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance decision is issued on the Battery Energy Storage System application. All impacted agricultural land, whether impacted during construction, operation, or decommissioning activities, must, at a minimum, be remediated by the Applicant pursuant to the terms of the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The Applicant shall submit the executed Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement to the County as part of the Permit application.

#### SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

BESS shall comply with the latest published version of the NFPA 855 at the date of the submission

of the BESS application.

Prior to issuance of an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, BESS Applicant is required to:

1. Submit an emergency response plan as an appendix to the project application.
2. Submit a plan as an appendix to the project application for offering site-specific training to the fire service and emergency personnel of the County prior to commencing operation.
3. Conduct hazard mitigation analyses if specified by NFPA 855.

#### AS-BUILT MAP AND PLANS

Within sixty (60) calendar days of completion of construction of the Battery Energy Storage System, the Applicant or Operator shall deliver to the Zoning Administrator "as-built" maps, site plan and engineering plans for the BESS that have been signed and stamped by a Professional Engineer and a licensed surveyor.

#### DECOMMISSIONING AND SITE RECLAMATION PLAN REQUIRED

The Applicant must formulate a Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan to ensure that the Battery Energy Storage System is properly decommissioned. The Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan shall be binding upon the Applicant and its successors-in-interest and assigns and shall apply to all participating parcels in the BESS, irrespective of the owner of title to such parcels. A signed Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan must be submitted to the county prior to the granting of the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance. The Applicant shall ensure that the BESS is properly decommissioned within twelve (12) months of the end of the BESS's life. The Applicant shall include removal of all physical material of the project improvements to a depth of sixty (60) inches beneath the soil surface and the restoration of the area in accordance with the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement.

- (a) Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan shall be prepared by an independent Illinois Certified Professional Engineer and shall include:
  1. A description of the methodology and cost to remove all above ground and below ground BESS equipment of the approved Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance;
  2. Provisions for the removal of all above ground and below ground BESS equipment and all vegetative screening and/or buffers of the approved Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance;
  3. Methodology and cost to restore all areas used for construction, operation and access to a condition equivalent to the land prior to the BESS construction;
  4. A work schedule and a Permit list necessary to accomplish the required work;
  5. Methodology to identify and manage any hazardous or special materials.
  6. Submission of a draft form of Financial Security to the County in the form of a surety bond (performance and payment bond), irrevocable letter of credit or a cash escrow account that names County as the beneficiary, or other type of Financial Security that is approved by the County. If an irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond (performance and payment bond) is selected, the original of the irrevocable

letter of credit or surety bond shall be held by the County. If a cash escrow is selected, the cash escrow shall be held and managed by an independent third party (e.g., escrow agent or title company) on behalf of the County, subject to escrow instructions that incorporate the applicable decommissioning and repair / replacement /restoration obligations of this Agreement as executed by the County and the Applicant.

7. The amount of Financial Security shall be equal to the total cost of all decommissioning and restoration work minus the salvage value of the BESS equipment. To determine that amount, the Applicant shall: (a) obtain bid specifications provided by a professional structural engineer; (b) request estimates from construction/demolition companies capable of completing the decommissioning of the BESS; and (c) certification of the selected estimate by a third-party licensed engineering firm in the required discipline. The County Highway engineer, an independent engineer of the county's choosing, and the Zoning Administrator will review all estimates and make a recommendation to the County Board for an acceptable estimate. The County reserves the right to pursue other estimates. All costs to secure the estimates will be funded by the Applicant.
  8. A provision that the terms of the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan shall be binding upon the Applicant including any of its successors-in-interest and assigns;
  9. Confirmation by affidavit that the obligation to decommission the BESS is included in the lease agreement for every parcel included in the permit application. A list of all landowner(s) should be kept current, and affidavits shall be secured from Applicant and landowner(s) stating their financial understanding;
  10. A provision that allows for the County to have the legal right to transfer applicable BESS material to salvage firms;
  11. Identification of and procedures for the County to access the Financial Assurances; and
  12. A provision that the County shall have access to the site, pursuant to reasonable notice to affect or complete decommissioning. A portion of the Decommission Security will be required to be held for one (1) year past the decommissioning to settle any potential disputes.
- (b) Provisions triggering the decommissioning of any portion of the BESS or its facility:
1. If Applicant has not paid landowners an amount owed in accordance with their lease agreements for a period of six (6) consecutive months.
  2. The Applicant dissolves or abandons the BESS without first transferring the BESS to a successor-in-interest or assign.
  3. If any part of the BESS falls into disrepair or creates any other health and safety issue.
- (c) Provisions for the removal of structures, debris and cabling; both above and below the soil surface:
1. Items required to be removed include but are not limited to: mounts and racking, including any helical piles, ground screws, ballasts, or other anchoring systems; foundations, if used, to a depth of 60 inches as well as, transformers, inverters, energy storage facilities, or substations; overhead collection system components; operations/maintenance buildings, spare parts buildings and substations/switching gear

buildings; access roads; operation/maintenance yard/staging area; debris and litter; underground cables, fencing, access roads and culverts. A landowner must sign an agreement if they wish for operations/maintenance buildings, spare parts buildings and substations/switching gear buildings; operation/maintenance yard/staging area; access roads or culverts to remain.

(d) Provisions for the restoration of soil and vegetation:

1. All affected areas shall be inspected, thoroughly cleaned and all construction related debris shall be removed.
2. All affected areas must be remediated pursuant to the terms of the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
3. Items required to be restored include but are not limited to: windbreaks, waterways, site grading, drainage tile systems and topsoil to former productive levels.
  - i. In work areas involving decommission from widening access roads or any other work areas, the topsoil must be first removed, identified and stored separate from other excavated material for later replacement as applicable.
  - ii. The 60-inch below-surface excavation area shall be filled with clean sub-grade material of similar quality to that in the immediate surrounding area.
  - iii. All sub-grade material will be compacted to a density similar to surrounding grade material.
  - iv. All unexcavated areas compacted by equipment used in decommissioning shall be de-compacted in a manner that adequately restores the topsoil and sub-grade material to the proper density consistent and compatible with the surrounding area.
  - v. The topsoil shall be replaced to its original depth and surface contours.
  - vi. Any topsoil deficiency and trench settling shall be mitigated with imported topsoil that is consistent with the quality of the effected site.
4. Items required to be repaired after decommissioning include but are not limited to: roads, bridges and culverts.
5. An independent drainage engineer shall be present to ensure drainage tiles, waterways, culverts, etc. are repaired as work progresses.
6. A soil erosion control plan shall be approved by the County Soil and Water Conservation District.
7. All applicable stormwater management, floodplain and other surface water rules, regulations and requirements shall be followed.

(e) Estimating the costs of decommissioning:

1. Costs shall include but not be limited to engineering fees, legal fees, account fees, insurance costs, decommissioning and site restoration minus the salvage value of the BESS.
2. Adjustments to the financial assurance amount that reflect changes in the decommissioning costs shall be submitted every five (5) years after the initial ten (10) years of operation and shall be adjusted accordingly within six (6) months of receiving the updated information as determined by an Illinois licensed professional engineer. Failure to provide financial assurance as outlined herein shall be

considered a cessation of operation.

(f) Financial assurance:

1. Financial Security shall be phased in and provided to the County over the first eleven (11) years of the project as follows:
  - i. On or before the first anniversary of the date that the BESS produces power for sale, not including test power (“date of operation”), the Applicant shall provide the County with Financial Security to cover ten (10) percent of the estimated costs of decommissioning the BESS as determined in the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan.
  - ii. On or before the sixth anniversary of the date of operation, the Applicant shall provide the County with Financial Security to cover fifty (50) percent of the estimated costs of decommissioning the BESS as determined in the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan.
  - iii. On or before the eleventh anniversary of the date of operation, the Applicant shall provide the County with Financial Security to cover one hundred (100) percent of the estimated costs of decommissioning the BESS as determined in the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan.
2. The County shall have immediate access, upon written notice to the Applicant, to use the Decommission Security if:
  - i. After abandonment of the BESS, the Applicant, upon a reasonable determination by the County Board, fails to address a health and safety issue in a timely manner; or
  - ii. The Applicant fails to decommission the abandoned BESS in accordance with the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan.
3. If possible for the type of Decommission Security provided, the Applicant shall grant perfected security in the Financial Assurance by use of a control agreement establishing the County as an owner of record pursuant to the Secured Transit Article of the Uniform Commercial Code, 810 ILCS 9, *et seq.*
4. The County Board or its escrow agent shall release the Financial Assurance when the Applicant has demonstrated and the County concurs that decommissioning has been satisfactorily completed, or upon written approval of the County to implement the decommissioning plan. Ten (10) percent of the Financial Assurance shall be retained one (1) year past the date to settle any outstanding concerns.
5. The Applicant shall identify procedures for the County to assess the financial assurances, particularly if it is determined that there is a health and/or safety issue with the BESS and the principal company fails to adequately respond as reasonable determined by the County Board.
6. The County shall be listed as a debtor in connection with any proceeding in insolvency or bankruptcy but shall not be responsible for any claims against the Applicant.
7. The Applicant shall agree that the obligations and liabilities under a permit shall be binding upon the Applicant (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes their successors-in-interest and assignees) and the Operator. The Applicant further shall agree that the sale, assignment in fact or at law, or other transfer of the Applicant’s financial interest in the BESS shall in no way effect or change the Applicant’s obligation to continue to comply with the terms, covenants, and obligations of the

permit, including but not limited to the decommissioning obligations associated with the BESS.

8. The County and its authorized representatives have the right of entry onto the BESS premises for the purpose of inspecting the methods of reclamation or for performing actual reclamation if necessary.

#### ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

The Battery Energy Storage System engineer's certificate shall be completed by a structural engineer registered in the State of Illinois and shall certify that the specific soils and subsurface conditions at the site can support the apparatus, given local soil, subsurface and climate conditions. The BESS engineer's certificate shall be a public record and shall be submitted as part of the Permit application.

#### CONFORMANCE WITH APPROVED APPLICATION AND PLANS

The Applicant shall construct and operate the BESS in substantial conformance with the construction plans contained in a County- approved submitted Permit application(s), conditions placed upon the operation of the Facility, this Ordinance and all applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations.

#### ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

The Bond County Zoning Administrator shall conduct annual inspections for compliance, violation and penalties.

Non-compliant systems are subject to zoning enforcement actions, including fines and revocation of permits.

#### OPERATION MAINTENANCE

- (a) Annual Report. The Applicant must submit to the Bond County Zoning Administrator, on an annual basis on the anniversary date of the issuance of Final Certificate of Zoning Compliance, an operation and maintenance report to the County. The report shall contain the following information: (i) a general description of any physical repairs, replacements or modification(s) to the BESS and/or its infrastructure; (ii) complaints pertaining to setbacks, noise, appearance, safety, lighting and use of any public roads received by the Applicant concerning the BESS Facility and the resolution of such complaints; (iii) calls for emergency services; (iv) status of liability insurance; and (v) a general summary of service calls to the BESS. Failure to provide the annual report shall be considered a material violation of this Ordinance.
- (b) Re-Certification. Any physical modification to the BESS that alters the mechanical load, mechanical load path, or major electrical components shall require re-certification under the provisions of this Ordinance. Like-kind replacements and modifications that are

made in the ordinary course of operations, including expected repairs and warranty items, shall not require re-certification. Prior to making any physical modification (other than a like-kind replacement or other modifications made in the ordinary course of operations), the Applicant shall confer with a relevant third-party certifying entity identified in Design and Safety Certification section of this Ordinance (identified under Section 5-12.4) to determine whether the physical modification requires re-certification.

#### COORDINATION WITH EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

- (c) The Applicant shall submit to the local emergency responders a copy of the Site Plan, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs), and any amendments to such documents, for the Battery Energy Storage System so that the local law enforcement, fire protection district and rescue units, emergency medical service providers and emergency management service providers that have jurisdiction over each solar/wind site may evaluate and coordinate their emergency response plans with the Applicant of the BESS.
- (d) The Applicant, at their expense, shall provide annual training for, and the necessary equipment to, the Operator and local emergency response authorities and their personnel so that they can properly respond to a potential emergency at the facility. This training shall be conducted before initial construction and annually thereafter. Said documentation shall be submitted to the Bond County Zoning Administrator.
- (e) The Applicant and the Operator shall cooperate with all local emergency responders to develop an emergency response plan. The plan shall include, at a minimum, 24- hour contact information (names, titles, email addresses, cell phone numbers) for the Applicant and the Operator and at least three (3) designated BESS representatives (a primary representative with two (2) alternate representatives, each of whom are on- call "24 hours per day / 7 days per week /365 days per year"). Any change in the designated BESS representative or his/her contact information shall be promptly communicated to the County. The content of the emergency response plan, including the 24-hour contact information, shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
- (f) Nothing in this section shall alleviate the need to comply with all other applicable life safety, fire/emergency laws and regulations.

#### WATER, SEWER, MATERIALS HANDLING, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

1. All solid wastes related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the BESS shall be removed from the site promptly and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
2. All hazardous materials related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the BESS shall be handled, stored, transported, and disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

#### SIGNAGE

Signage regulations are to be consistent with ANSI and OSHA standards. A clearly visible warning sign concerning voltage shall be placed at the base of any pad-mounted transformers and substations,

and at all entrances to the BESS.

## DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

The Applicant, at their expense, will repair, in a prompt and timely manner, all waterways, drainage ditches, agricultural drainage systems, field tiles, or any other private and public infrastructure improvements damaged during construction, maintenance, and operation phases of the Battery Energy Storage System in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and codes.

## INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY

Commencing with the issuance of a BESS Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, the Applicant, owner, and/or operator shall maintain a current general comprehensive liability policy and automobile liability coverage covering bodily injury, death and illness, and property damage with limits of at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per occurrence and in the aggregate; and, shall further maintain the above-stated lines of insurance from delivery of the Notice to Proceed by the Applicant for the BESS, in coverage amounts of at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per occurrence and Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) in the aggregate during the life of the BESS. The Applicant shall file the original certificate of insurance upon commencement of project construction prior to the issuance of a BESS Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance corresponding policies and endorsements to be provided within sixty (60) days of issuance, and at each subsequent renewal, at least annually thereafter to the Bond County Zoning Administrator and the Bond County Clerk, and any loss in coverage must be reported within 3 working days of loss. Failure to maintain coverage shall be considered a cessation of operations pursuant to the section labeled in this ordinance as Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan Required.

The Applicant, Owner and/or Operator of the BESS project shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Bond and its officials, elected and appointed, employees, departments, attorneys, engineers and agents (collectively and individually, the “Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, cost, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including attorney’s fees, relating to or arising out of the issuance of the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance or the construction, operation, maintenance, and removal of the BESS including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death or illness), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence) or any acts or omissions of the Applicant, the Owner or the Operator under this Ordinance or the Permit, except to the extent any such claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities arise from the negligence or intentional acts of such. Indemnified Parties. This general indemnification shall not be construed as limiting or qualifying the County's other indemnification rights available under the law.

## SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of these regulations.

## INTERPRETATION

The provisions of these regulations shall be held to the minimum requirements adopted for the promotion and preservation of public health, safety and general welfare of Bond County. These regulations are not intended to repeal, abrogate, annul or in any manner interfere with existing regulations or laws of Bond County nor conflict with any statutes of the State of Illinois.

### **ARTICLE 6 OFF-STREET PARKING SECTION 6-1 APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE**

Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with this Article for all structures and uses erected or established after the effective date of this ordinance.

#### **6-1.1 EXISTING OFF-STREET PARKING:**

- (a) Existing off-street parking located on the same lot as the use served shall not be reduced—or is already less than, shall not be further reduced—below the requirements and standards for similar new structures or uses.
- (b) When an existing structure or use is damaged or destroyed and subsequently repaired or rebuilt, off-street parking equivalent to any maintained at the time of such damage or destruction shall be restored, but additional off-street parking need not be provided.
- (c) Whenever the use of any structure or premises is intensified through addition of dwelling units, increased floor area, greater seating capacity, etc., additional off-street parking commensurate with such increases in use-intensity shall be provided.
- (d) Whenever the existing use of a structure is changed to a different use, off-street parking shall be provided as required herein for such new use.

### **SECTION 6-2 PARKING LOT DESIGN STANDARDS**

All off-street parking lots shall conform to the standards indicated in the subsection which follows:

#### **6-2.1 SPACES:**

Each required off-street parking space shall be at least ten (10) feet wide and twenty (20) feet long. Every space shall be situated so that no part of any parked vehicle overhangs the public right-of-way.

#### **6-2.2 INTERIOR AISLES:**

Aisles within parking lots shall be sufficiently wide to permit safe and efficient vehicular movement in the aisles, and into and out of parking spaces. Aisles designed for two-way traffic shall be at least twenty-two (22) feet wide. One-way aisles designed for sixty (60) degree parking shall be at least eighteen (18) feet wide.

**6-2.3 ACCESS WAYS:**

(a) Parking lots shall be designed so that ingress to or egress from a parking space is from an aisle or driveway, not directly from the public right-of-way.

(b) No access way to any parking area shall be located within thirty (30) feet of any corner formed by the intersection of the right-of-way of two or more streets. At intersections where traffic control devices are installed, the Administrator may increase this requirement as necessary to prevent hazards.

(c) Parking area access ways and public streets shall be aligned to form—as closely as feasible—right angles.

(d) The access way to every parking lot located in the Commercial or Industrial District shall be at least twenty-four (24) feet wide unless two one-way drives, each twelve (12) feet wide, are provided.

**6-2.4 SURFACING:**

Parking lots shall be graded and improved with crushed rock at least four (4) inches thick and shall have a non-dusting surface.

**SECTION 6-3 LOCATION OF OFF-STREET PARKING**

All off-street parking shall be located in conformity with the following requirements:

(a) **FOR DWELLINGS.** Parking spaces accessory to dwellings shall be located on the same lot as the dwelling. Such parking spaces shall not be located in any front yard except in the driveway, but may be located in the side or rear yards. Each parking space accessory to a multiple-family dwelling shall be unobstructed so that no vehicle need be moved to allow another vehicle to enter/exit the parking area.

(b) **FOR COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL USES.**

1. Every off-street parking space accessory to any commercial or industrial use shall be located within five hundred (500) feet of the use served; provided, that no portion of any parking lot for non-residential uses shall extend into any Residential District or into the Agricultural District except by written permission of the Administrator.

2. In the commercial or Industrial District, off-street parking facilities for different buildings or uses may be provided collectively; but only if the total number of spaces so located together is not less than the sum of the separate requirements (if any) for each use, and only if all other pertinent regulations are observed.

**SECTION 6-4 COMPUTATION OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES**

In computing the number of parking spaces required by this ordinance, the Administrator shall apply

the following rules:

- (a) In computing parking space requirements based on the number of employees, the maximum number of employees on the premises at any period of the day shall be used. "Employee parking" means "one parking space shall be required per one and one-half (1.5) employees," unless otherwise stated.
- (b) In computing parking space requirements on the basis of building floor area, the GROSS floor area shall be used.
- (c) Whenever it is necessary to translate gross parking lot area into number of parking spaces, three hundred fifty (350) square feet of gross area shall be deemed one parking space.
- (d) If computation of the number of parking spaces required by this ordinance results in a fractional space, any fraction of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) or more shall be counted as one space.
- (e) No space or portions thereof needed to satisfy the minimum applicable requirement for number of off-street parking spaces shall be counted as part of the off-street parking spaces required for another structure or use.

#### **SECTION 6-5 DESIGN AND LOCATION OF OFF-STREET LOADING FACILITIES**

If provided, all off-street loading facilities shall conform to the minimum standards indicated below:

- (a) **SIZE OF SPACE.** Every off-street loading space shall be at least twelve (12) feet wide and sufficiently long to accommodate the type of vehicle expected to use the space. In no case shall a vehicle being loaded or unloaded overhang into the public right of way.
- (b) **ACCESS WAY.** Every off-street loading space shall have a safe means of vehicular access to a street or alley. Such access way shall be at least twelve (12) feet wide.
- (c) **SURFACING.** Every off-street loading area shall be improved with a compacted stone base at least seven (7) inches thick.

#### **SECTION 6-6 NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES REQUIRED**

Off-street parking shall be provided as indicated in the table below. For any use that is not listed in the table, the same number of parking spaces shall be provided as is required for the most similar listed use. The Administrator shall make the determination of similarity.

- (a) **DWELLINGS, LODGINGS:**

HOTELS, MOTELS,  
BOARDING HOUSES, LODGES, 1 space per lodging units, plus employee parking

MOBILE HOMES

(In mobile home parks) A minimum of 2 spaces per mobile home

MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS

1 bedroom or less 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit  
2 or more bedrooms 2 spaces per dwelling unit

SINGLE-FAMILY AND

TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS 2 spaces per dwelling unit

(b) EDUCATIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL, RECREATIONAL:

CHURCHES 1 space per 4 seats in the largest seating area

HOSPITALS 1 space per 2 beds, plus employee parking LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS 1 space  
per 500 square feet of floor area NURSING HOMES 1 space per 5 beds  
SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY AND

JUNIOR HIGH 1 space for every 20 students that the building is designed to accommodate,  
plus employee parking

SENIOR HIGH 1 space for every 4 students over 16 years old that the building is designed  
to accommodate, plus employee parking

(c) COMMERCIAL, OFFICE, SERVICE:

NOTE: All commercial, service or office uses, unless specifically 1 space per 300 square feet of  
floor area indicated otherwise below:

BANKS, SAVINGS & LOANS

WALK-IN 1 space per 300 square feet of floor area, plus employee parking

DRIVE-IN 5 spaces per teller window

BEAUTY and BARBER SHOPS 2 spaces per chair, plus employee parking FURNITURE and  
APPLIANCE STORES 1 space per 600 square feet of floor area

HOME OCCUPATIONS 1 space per 150 square feet of floor area devoted to the  
home occupation in addition to the parking requirements of the dwelling

OFFICES, MEDICAL/DENTAL 1 space per 200 square feet of floor area or 3 spaces per  
professional, whichever is greater

MORTUARIES 1 space per 5 seats plus 1 space per funeral vehicle, but not less than 20 spaces  
per chapel or state room

## RESTAURANTS, REFRESHMENTS STANDS

SIT-DOWN 1 space per 4 seats or 1 space per 50 square feet of floor area, whichever is greater

DRIVE-IN 1 space per 25 square feet of building floor area SERVICE STATIONS 2

spaces per service stall, plus employee parking TAVERNS 1 space per 4 seats or 1 space per 50 square feet of floor

area, whichever is greater

## THEATERS

INDOOR 1 space per 4 seats in the largest seating area

DRIVE-IN On review by the Administrator

## VEHICLE SALES

(autos, boats, trailers, etc.) 1 space per 600 square feet of enclosed floor area, plus 1

space per 2,500 square feet of open lot area

**ARTICLE 7 NON-CONFORMITIES**  
**SECTION 7-1 PURPOSE OF ARTICLE**

The requirements imposed by this ordinance are designed to guide the use of land by encouraging the development of structures and uses that are compatible with the predominant character of each of the various districts. Lots, structures and uses of land or structures that do not conform to the requirements of the district in which they are located impede appropriate development. For example, non-conformities are frequently responsible for truck traffic on residential streets, the overtaking of parking facilities, the creation of nuisances, and/or the lowering of property values. The regulations of this Article are intended to alleviate such existing/potential problems by encouraging the gradual elimination of non-conformities.

**SECTION 7-2 NON-CONFORMING LOTS**

Any vacant lot that does not conform to one or more of the lot sizes (area, dimensions) requirements of the district in which it is located may be developed for any use permitted in that district, provided such vacant lot:

- (a) was recorded in the Bond County Recorder of Deeds office prior to the effective date of this ordinance (or any pertinent amendment thereto); and
- (b) is at least thirty (30) feet wide; and
- (c) no health hazards will be created by such use.

**7-2.1 TWO OR MORE LOTS IN COMMON OWNERSHIP:**

If two or more lots or combinations of lots and portions of lots with continuous frontage were of record and in common ownership on the effective date of this ordinance, and if one or more of those lots does not meet the minimum lot width, depth and area requirements of the district in which it is located, the land involved shall be considered an individual parcel. No portion of any such parcel shall be developed except in compliance with this ordinance, nor shall any such parcel be divided so as to create a lot that does not meet the requirements.

**SECTION 7-3 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES**

Any otherwise lawful structure which exists on the effective date of this Ordinance but which could not be erected under the terms of this Ordinance because of requirements/restrictions on lot size, height, setbacks or other characteristics of the structure or its location on the lot may lawfully remain, subject to the following provisions. Non-conforming dwelling units are subject to the following provisions, and may lawfully remain.

- (a) ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATIONS. No such structure shall be enlarged or altered in any way which increases its non-conformity.
- (b) RELOCATION. No such structure shall be relocated unless, after relocation, it will conform to all the regulations of the district in which it is located.

(c) RECONSTRUCTION. No such structure which is destroyed or damaged by any means shall be reconstructed if the Administrator determines that the cost of such reconstruction exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the structure's market value at the time of loss, unless after reconstruction the structure will conform to all allocable regulations of the district in which it is located. In the event the Administrator determines the estimated cost of reconstruction is less than fifty percent (50%) of the structure's market value at the time of loss, repairs of reconstruction shall be permitted, provided such work starts within six (6) months from the date the damage occurred and is diligently pursued to completion.

The Administrator may require that the reconstruction cost estimate be made by a bona fide construction contractor, and the structure's market value at the time of loss be determined by a licensed real estate appraiser. The owner of the damaged structure shall be responsible for obtaining these estimates for the Administrator.

#### **SECTION 7-4 NON-CONFORMING USES**

Any otherwise lawful use existing on the effective date of this ordinance which would not be allowed under the terms of this ordinance may lawfully continue, subject to the following provisions. Dwelling units are not subject to the following provisions, and may lawfully remain.

(a) MAINTENANCE. Any structure housing a non-conforming use may be maintained through ordinary repairs.

(b) EXPANSION OF USE. No non-conforming use shall be expanded so as to occupy a larger portion of the structure or lot than was occupied on the effective date of this ordinance.

(c) CHANGE OF USE. A non-conforming use shall not be changed except to a use permitted under the applicable district regulations.

(d) RELOCATION. No non-conforming use shall be moved, in whole or in part, unless such use, upon relocation, will conform to all pertinent regulations of the district in which it is proposed to be located.

(e) DISCONTINUANCE OF USE. When a non-conforming use is discontinued or vacant for twelve (12) consecutive months or for thirty (30) months during any three-year period, the non-conforming use shall not thereafter be resumed. Any discontinuance caused by government action and without any contributing fault by the non-conforming user shall not be counted in calculating the length of discontinuance.

#### **SECTION 7-5 NON-CONFORMITIES UNDER PERMIT AUTHORITY**

The regulations of this Article shall not affect the terms of any permit issued prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any pertinent amendment thereto, provided that the work authorized by such permit is completed within a reasonable time.

**ARTICLE 8 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**  
**SECTION 8-1 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

The office of Zoning Administrator of Bond County is hereby established. The Administrator shall be appointed by the County Board Chairman with the advice and consent of the County Board, and shall continue to hold office at the pleasure of the County Board. The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to administer and enforce the provisions of this ordinance. This broad responsibility encompasses, but is not limited to, the following specific duties:

- (a) to review and pass upon applications for initial and final certificates of zoning compliance;
- (b) to inspect land, structures and uses to determine compliance with this ordinance, and where there are violations, to initiate appropriate corrective action;
- (c) to review and forward to the Zoning Board of Appeals all applications for special use permits, variances, appeals and amendments;
- (d) to maintain up-to-date records of this ordinance including, but not limited to, the district map, certificates of zoning compliance, special use permits, variances, interpretative decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, amendments and all applications related to any of these matters;
- (e) to periodically review the provisions of this ordinance to determine whether revisions are needed, and to make recommendations on these matters to the Zoning Board of Appeals at least once each year;
- (f) to provide information to the general public on matters related to this ordinance; and
- (g) to perform such other duties as the County Board may from time to time prescribe.

**SECTION 8-2 REQUIRED INITIAL CERTIFICATES OF ZONING COMPLIANCE**

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, no lot shall be created, no land shall be developed, no new use or structure shall be established or erected, and no existing use or structure shall be enlarged, extended, altered, relocated or reconstructed until an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance has been issued. (See Sec. 3-13, Agricultural Exemption) The Administrator shall not issue an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance unless, following consultation with technically qualified persons as necessary, he determines that the proposed work conforms to the applicable provisions of this ordinance. The Administrator may issue a siting permit, as needed, for commercial projects prior to issuance of an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, also commonly referred to as a building permit.

**8-2.1 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Every applicant for an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance shall submit to the Administrator, in graphic and/or narrative form, all the items of information listed below that are applicable to the particular project. The Administrator shall decide which items are applicable. (NOTE: Filing fee

generally required).

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION:**

- (a) name and address of Applicant;
  
- (b) name and address of the owner or operator of the proposed lot, structure or use, if different from (a);
  
- (c) brief, general description/explanation of the proposal;
  
- (d) location of the proposed lot, use or structure, and its relationship to adjacent lots, uses or structures;
  
- (e) area and dimensions of the site for the proposed finished grade;
  
- (f) height and setbacks of the proposed structure;
  
- (g) number and size of proposed dwelling units, if any;
  
- (h) location and number of proposed parking/loading spaces and access ways;
  
- (i) identification and location of all existing or proposed utilities, whether public or private; and/or
  
- (j) any other pertinent information that the Administrator may require.

**8-2.2 DURATION OF CERTIFICATE:**

Initial Certificates of Zoning Compliance shall be valid for one year, or until revoked for failure to abide by a corrective action order. The Administrator may renew Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance for successive one-year periods upon written request, provided the applicant is making a good faith effort to complete the authorized work.

**SECTION 8-3 FINAL CERTIFICATES OF ZONING COMPLIANCE**

No lot or part thereof recorded or developed after the effective date of this Ordinance, and no structure or use, or part thereof, that has been erected, enlarged, altered, relocated, or reconstructed after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be used, occupied or put into operation until a Final Certificate of Zoning Compliance has been issued. (See Sec. 3-13, Agricultural Exemption) The Administrator shall not issue a Final Certificate of Zoning Compliance until he has determined, BY INSPECTION, that the work authorized by the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance has been completed in accordance with approved plan. Failure to obtain a Final Certificate of Zoning Compliance shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

## **SECTION 8-4 CORRECTIVE ACTION ORDERS**

Whenever the Administrator finds, by inspection or otherwise, that any lot, structure, or use, or work thereon, is in violation of this ordinance, he shall so notify the responsible party, and shall order appropriate corrective action.

### **8-4.1 CONTENTS OF ORDER:**

The order to take corrective action shall be in writing and shall include:

- (a) a description of the premises sufficient for identification;
- (b) a statement indicating the nature of the violation;
- (c) a statement of the remedial action necessary to effect compliance;
- (d) the date by which the violation must be corrected;
- (e) a statement that the alleged violator is entitled to a conference with the Administrator if he so desires;
- (f) the date by which an appeal of the corrective action order must be filed, and a statement of the procedure for so filing; and
- (g) a statement that failure to obey a corrective action order shall result in revocation of the Certificate of Zoning Compliance and may result in the imposition of fines.

### **8-4.2 SERVICE OF ORDER:**

A corrective action order shall be deemed properly served upon the owner, occupant or operator of the offending lot, structure or use if it is:

- (a) served upon him personally;
- (b) by certified mail with return receipt to his last known address; or
- (c) posted in a conspicuous place on or about the affected premises.

### **8-4.3 STOP ORDER:**

Whenever any work is being done in violation of an Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance, the Administrator's corrective action order may state that the violation must cease immediately. (See Subsection. 8-14.1 (d)) In such case, the corrective action order is equivalent to a stop order.

## **SECTION 8-5 EMERGENCY MEASURES**

- a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, whenever the Administrator determines that any violation of this Ordinance poses and imminent peril to life or property, the Administrator may institute, without notice or hearing, any necessary proceedings to alleviate the perilous condition.

b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, whenever the Zoning Administrator and the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals both determine a true and valid emergency does, in fact, exist, they are hereby empowered as follows:

i.) They may issue an emergency zoning permit without notice of hearing.

ii) Whenever any violation of this Ordinance poses an imminent peril to life or property, they may institute without notice or hearing any necessary procedures to alleviate the perilous condition.

All such emergency proceedings shall be brought to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals by the Zoning Administrator at the next special or regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

#### **SECTION 8-6 COMPLAINTS**

Whenever any violation of this Ordinance occurs, or is alleged to have occurred, any person may file a written complaint on forms provided by the Administrator. The Administrator shall record such complaints, promptly investigate, and if necessary, institute appropriate corrective action.

#### **SECTION 8-7 FILING FEES**

By resolution, the County Board shall establish (and may amend from time to time) a schedule of filing fees for the various permits and procedures listed in this ordinance. Said fees are intended to defray the administrative costs connected with the processing/conducting of such permits or procedures; the fees do not constitute a tax or other revenue raising device. All such fees shall be paid by the applicant to the County Treasurer's office. All fees are non-refundable.

#### **SECTION 8-8 PENALTIES**

(a) Any person who is convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty offense punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) with each week the violation remains uncorrected constituting a separate offense.

(b) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the County from taking any other lawful action that may be necessary to secure compliance with this Ordinance.

**ARTICLE 9 SPECIAL PROCEDURES AND PERMITS**  
**SECTION 9-1 BOARD OF APPEALS ESTABLISHED**

The Zoning Board of Appeals of Bond County is hereby established in accordance with Illinois law.

**9-1.1 MEMBERSHIP, CHAIRMAN, RESIDENCY:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the County Board Chairman with the advice and consent of the County Board. At the time of his appointment, one Board of Appeals member shall be named as chairman by the County Board Chairman; if the chairman's office becomes vacant, the County Board Chairman shall designate a new chairman. All members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be residents of Bond County, and each member shall reside in a different Township at the time of his appointment and the majority of the members shall be residents of unincorporated areas. Failure to maintain residency in Bond County shall be cause for removal from the Board. The County Board may provide for the appointment of an additional two (2) members to the Board and the additional members shall each serve a term of five (5) years. At the end of the term of the two (2) additional members, the County Board may provide for the appointment of successors or may allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to revert to a membership of five (5).

**9-1.2 TERM OF OFFICE, VACANCIES:**

Each member of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold office for five (5) years from the date of his appointment, and until his successor has been selected and qualified; provided, however, that the initial appointees to the Zoning Board of Appeals shall serve respectively for the following terms: one for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years, and one for five (5) years. The County Board may remove any member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for cause, after a public hearing. Vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place has become vacant in the same manner as provided for the appointment of a new member.

**9-1.3 COMPENSATION:**

Each member of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be compensated for his services on a per diem basis with a mileage allowance for travel. The amount of said compensation shall be determined by the County Board and shall be paid out of the County treasury.

**9-1.4 MEETINGS, QUORUM:**

All meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be held at the call of the chairperson and such times and places within the County as the Zoning Board of Appeals may determine. The chairperson, or in his absence the acting chairperson, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. Three (3) members of a five (5) member Zoning Board of Appeals or five (5) members of a seven (7) member Zoning Board of Appeals shall constitute a quorum; and the affirmative vote of at least three (3) of the five (5) members or five (5) of the seven (7) members, whichever the case may be, shall be necessary to authorize any action of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**9-1.5 RECORDS:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall keep minutes of its proceedings and examinations. These minutes shall indicate the absence of any member, the vote or abstention of each member on each question, and any official action taken. A copy of every rule, variance, order, or decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be filed in the Zoning Administrator's office, and shall be a public record.

## **SECTION 9-2 SPECIAL USE PERMITS**

This Ordinance divides the County into various districts, and permits in each district as a matter of right only those uses which are clearly compatible with one another. Certain other uses, because of their special operational or physical characteristic, may or may not have a detrimental impact on nearby permitted uses, depending upon their precise location, manner of operation and other factors. Such "special uses" require careful case-by-case review, and may be allowed only by permission of the County Board.

### **9-2.1 APPLICATION**

Every applicant for special use permit shall submit to the Administrator, in narrative and/or graphics form, the items enumerated below. (Every special use permit application shall also be filed with the Soil and Water Conservation District as per State law, and, if the land in question is within one and one-half (1 ½) miles of a municipality, with the Clerk of that municipality) The Administrator shall promptly transmit the completed application, and any comment or recommendation he might wish to make, to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (NOTE: Filing fee required)

#### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION:**

- (a) name and address of the Applicant;
- (b) name and address of the owner or operator of the proposed structure or use, if different from (a);
- (c) nature of the proposed use, including type of activity, manner of operation, number of occupants or employees, and similar matters;
- (d) location of the proposed use or structure, and its relationship to existing adjacent uses or structures;
- (e) area and dimensions of the site for the proposed structure or uses;
- (f) existing topography of the site (USGS 10-foot contour data is acceptable), and proposed finished grade;
- (g) existing and proposed screening, landscaping and erosion control features on the site, including the parking area;
- (h) height and setbacks of the proposed structure;

- (i) number and size of proposed dwelling units, if any;
- (j) number and location of proposed parking/loading spaces and access ways;
- (k) identification and location of all existing or proposed utilities, whether public or private; and/or
- (l) any other pertinent information that the Administrator may require.

**9-2.2 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on every special use permit application within a reasonable time after said Application is submitted to them. At the hearing, any interested party may appear and testify, either in person or by duly authorized agent or attorney. Notice indicating the time, date and place of the hearing, and the nature of the proposed special use shall be given not more than thirty (30) nor less the fifteen (15) days before the hearing:

- (a) by certified mail with return receipt to the Applicant and to all parties whose property is adjacent to the property for which the special use permit is sought; and
- (b) by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the County.

**9-2.3 ADVISORY REPORT, FACTORS CONSIDERED:**

Within a reasonable time after the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall submit their advisory report to the County Board. In deciding what their advice should be, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall consider the following factors:

- (a) whether the proposed design, location, and manner of operation of the proposed special use will adequately protect the public health, safety and welfare, and the physical environment;
- (b) the effect the proposed special use would have on the value of neighboring property and on the County's overall tax base;
- (c) whether there are any facilities near the proposed special use (such as schools or hospitals) that require special protection.

**9-2.4 ACTION BY COUNTY BOARD:**

The County Board shall act on every request for a special use permit at their next regularly scheduled meeting following submission of the Zoning Board of Appeals' advisory report. Without further public hearing, the County Board may grant a special use permit by an ordinance passed by a simple majority vote of all members then holding office. In a separate statement accompanying any such ordinance, the County Board shall state their finding of fact, and indicate their reasons for approving (with or without conditions) or denying the request for special use permit.

**SECTION 9-3 APPEALS**

Any person aggrieved by any decision or order of the Administrator in any matter related to the interpretation or enforcement of any provision of this ordinance may appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Every such appeal shall be made and treated in accordance with Illinois law and the provisions of this section.

**9-3.1 APPEAL FILING PROCEDURE, TRANSMITTAL OF RECORD:**

Every appeal shall be made within forty-five (45) days of the matter complained of by filing with the Administrator and the Zoning Board of Appeals a written notice specifying the grounds for appeal. (Every appeal shall be filed with the Soil and Water Conservation District as per State law and, if the land in question is within one and one-half (1 ½) miles of a municipality, with the Clerk of that municipality.) Not more than five (5) working days after the notice of appeal has been filed, the Administrator shall transmit to the Zoning Board of Appeals all records pertinent to the case. (NOTE: Filing fee required)

**9-3.2 STAY OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS:**

An appeal stays all further action on the matter being appealed unless the Administrator certifies to the Zoning Board of Appeals, after the notice of appeal has been filed with him, that for reasons stated in the certificate, a stay would cause imminent peril to life or property. In such cases, further action shall not be stayed unless the Zoning Board of Appeals or the circuit court grants a restraining order for due cause, and so notifies the Administrator.

**9-3.3 PUBLIC HEARING, NOTICE FOR APPEALS:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on every appeal within a reasonable time after the filing of the appeal notice. At the hearing, any interested party (including any school district in which the property in question is located) may appear and testify, either in person or by duly authorized agent or attorney. All testimony shall be given under oath. Notice indicating the time, date and place of the hearing and briefly describing the issue to be decided shall be given not more than thirty (30) nor less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing:

- (a) by certified mail with return receipt to the petitioner and to all parties whose property is adjacent to the premises to which the appeal pertains;
- (b) by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the County.

**9-3.4 DECISION BY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall render a decision on the appeal within a reasonable time after the hearing. The Zoning Board of Appeals may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify or amend the decision or order appealed from to the extent and in the manner that they deem appropriate. In so doing, the Zoning Board of Appeals has all the power of the Administrator.

**SECTION 9-4 VARIANCES**

A variance is a relaxation of the requirements of this ordinance that are applicable to a PARTICULAR lot, structure or use. Every request for a variance shall be treated in accordance with Illinois law and the provisions of this section.

**9-4.1 APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE PROCEDURE:**

Every application for a variance shall be filed with the Administrator on a prescribed form. (Every variance application shall also be filed with the Soil and Water Conservation District as per State law and, if the land in question is located within one and one-half (1 ½) miles of a municipality, with the Clerk of that municipality) The Administrator shall promptly transmit said application to the Zoning Board of Appeals together with any recommendation or comments he may wish to make. The application shall contain sufficient information to allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to make an informed decision, and shall include, at a minimum, the following: (NOTE: Filing fee required)

- (a) name and address of the applicant;
- (b) location of the lot, structure, or use for which the variance is sought;
- (c) relationship of said lot, structure or use to adjacent lots, structures or uses;
- (d) specific section(s) of this ordinance containing the regulations which, if strictly applied, would cause a serious problem; and
- (e) any other pertinent information that the Administrator may require.

**9-4.2 PUBLIC HEARING, NOTICE:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on each variance requested within a reasonable time after the variance application is submitted to them. At the hearing any interested party (including any school district in which the property in question is located) may appear and testify, either in person or by duly authorized agent or attorney. All testimony shall be given under oath. Notice of the hearing shall be given not more than thirty (30) nor less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing:

- (a) by certified mail with return receipt to the applicant and to all parties whose property is adjacent to the property for which the variance is sought; and
- (b) by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the County.

**9-4.3 CONTENTS OF NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

The notice of a public hearing on a variance requested shall include the following information:

- (a) date, time and place of said hearing;
- (b) name and address of the Applicant;
- (c) the particular location of the real estate for which the variation is requested by legal description and street address, and if no street address then by locating such real estate with reference to any well-known landmark, road or intersection;

(d) whether or not the Applicant is acting for himself or in the capacity of agent or representative of a principal, and stating the name and address of the true principal;

(e) whether the Applicant is a corporation, and if a corporation, the correct names and addresses of all officers and directors, and of all stockholders or shareholders owning any interest in excess of twenty percent (20%) of all outstanding stock of such corporation;

(f) whether the Applicant, or his principal if other than the Applicant, is a business or entity doing business under an assumed name, and if so, the name and residence of all true owners of such business or entity;

(g) whether the Applicant is a partnership, joint venture, syndicate or an unincorporated voluntary association, and if so, the names and addresses of all partners, joint ventures, syndicate members or members of the unincorporated voluntary association; and

(h) a brief statement describing the proposed variance.

#### **9-4.4 STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant any variance unless, based upon the evidence presented to them, they determine that:

(a) the proposed variance is consistent with the general purpose of this Ordinance(see Sec. 1-1); and

(b) strict application of the district requirements would result in great practical difficulties or hardship to the Applicant, and prevent a reasonable return on the property; and

(c) the proposed variance is the MINIMUM deviation from such requirements that will alleviate the difficulties/hardship, and allow a reasonable return on the property; and

(d) the plight of the Applicant is due to circumstances not of his own making; and

(e) the circumstances engendering the variance request are peculiar and not applicable to other property within the district, and therefore, that a variance would be a more appropriate remedy than an amendment (re-zoning); and

(f) the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the area where the premises in question are located nor materially frustrate implementation of the County Comprehensive Plan.

#### **9-4.5 TERMS OF RELIEF, FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall render a decision on every variance request within a reasonable time after the public hearing. They shall specify the terms of relief granted (if any) in one statement and their findings of fact in another statement. The findings of fact shall clearly indicate the Zoning Board of Appeals' reasons for granting or denying any requested variance.

## **SECTION 9-5 RE-ZONING AND TEXT AMENDMENTS**

The County Board may amend this ordinance in accordance with State law and the provisions of this section. Proposed alterations of district boundaries or proposed changes in the status of uses (permitted, special, prohibited) shall be deemed proposed amendments. Amendments may be proposed by the County Board, the Zoning Administrator, the Zoning Board of Appeals or any party in interest.

### **9-5.1 FILING:**

Every proposal to amend this ordinance shall be filed with the Administrator on a prescribed form, and shall include such information as the Administrator considers necessary to allow the County Board to make an informed decision. (The person proposing an amendment shall also file a copy of his proposal with the Soil and Water Conservation District, and if the land in question is located within one and one-half (1 ½) miles of a municipality, with the Clerk of that municipality.) The Administrator shall promptly transmit copies of the proposal, together with any comments or recommendations he may wish to make, to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (NOTE: Filing fee required)

### **9-5.2 PUBLIC HEARING, LOCATION:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on every amendment proposal within a reasonable time after said proposal has been submitted to them. Said hearing shall be held in the township or road district affected by the terms of the proposed amendment. However, if the proposed amendment would affect more than one township or road district, or in the case of general (text) amendments to this Ordinance, the public hearing may be held in the County Courthouse instead of in the township or road district. At the hearing any interested party (including any school district in which the property in question is located) may appear and testify, either in person or by duly authorized agent or attorney. All testimony shall be given under oath.

### **9-5.3 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

Notice indicating the time, date and place of the public hearing and the nature of the proposed amendment shall be given not more than thirty (30) nor less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing:

- (a) by certified mail with return receipt to the Applicant and to all parties whose property is adjacent to the property that would be re-zoned (in the case of re-zoning); and
- (b) by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the County.

### **9-5.4 ADVISORY REPORT**

Within a reasonable time after the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall submit an advisory report to the County Board. Said advisory report shall include a recommendation regarding adoption of the proposed amendment, and the reasons therefore. If the proposed amendment involves a re-zoning, the advisory report shall include findings of fact concerning each of the following matters:

- (a) exiting use(s) and zoning of the property in question;

- (b) existing use(s) and zoning of other lots in the vicinity of the property in question;
- (c) suitability of the property in question for uses already permitted under existing regulations;
- (d) suitability of the property in question for the proposed use;
- (e) the trend of development in the vicinity of the property in question, including changes (if any) which may have occurred since the property was initially zoned or last re-zoned;
- (f) the effect the proposed re-zoning would have on implementation of the County Comprehensive Plan.

**9-5.5 ACTION BY COUNTY BOARD:**

The County Board shall act on every proposed amendment at their next regularly scheduled meeting following submission of the aforementioned advisory report. Without further public hearing, the County Board may pass any proposed amendment by simple majority vote except as indicated below:

EXCEPTIONS: The favorable vote of at least three-fourth (3/4) of ALL the members of the County Board is required to pass an amendment to this Ordinance in the following instances:

- (a) in the case of a written protest against a proposed amendment, filed with the County Clerk, and signed or acknowledged by the owners of twenty percent (20%) of the frontage proposed to be altered, or by the owners of twenty percent (20%) of the frontage immediately adjoining or across an alley therefrom, or by the owners of twenty percent (20%) of the frontage directly opposite the frontage proposed to be altered; or
- (b) in the case of a written protest against a proposed amendment that affects land located within one and one-half (1 ½) miles of the limits of a zoned municipality, provided that said written protest is:
  1. submitted by the PARTICULAR zoned municipality with limits nearest adjacent to the affected property; and
  2. signed and acknowledged by the City Council or by the President and Board of Trustees of said municipality; and
  3. filed with the County Clerk.

**APPENDIX “A”**  
**BOND COUNTY BUILDING & ZONING**  
206 W. MAIN STREET GREENVILLE, IL 62246  
OFFICE: (618) 664-9263

**FILING FEES**

Approved by the Bond County Board as of:

9/21/2021

8/16/2022

2/20/2024

12/17/2024

6/17/2025

By resolution, the County Board shall establish (and may amend from time to time) a schedule of filing fees for the various permits and procedures listed in this ordinance. Said fees are intended to defray the administrative costs connected with the processing/conducting of such permits or procedures; the fees do not constitute a tax or other revenue raising device. All such fees shall be paid by the applicant to the County Treasurer’s office. All fees are non-refundable.

**Zoning Certificate of Compliance:**

- Residential, Commercial/industrial structures, Accessory use: \$100.00
- Commercial, solar/wind energy farms, Towers, Sub-station, & Bulk-storage tanks: \$0.10 per sq ft for the first 100 acres, \$0.025/sq ft for all acreage above 100 acres of permitted property area which includes all area within fencing and screening area
- Commercial Use Fee: \$5,000.00 (3rd party plan review/inspections)
- Additional Fee: cost of public notice & certified mail to adjoining property owners.

**Automation Fee:** To be added to all project applications

- 10% of total project fee
- Minimum charge \$25

**Appeals Application:**

- Application fee: \$75.00
- Filing fee: \$175.00
- Additional Fee: cost of public notice & certified mail to adjoining property owners

**Application Fees-** Each application for Building Permit shall be accompanied by a fee computed according to the following schedules:

<b><u>BUILDING TYPE</u></b>	<b>RATE PER SQUARE FOOT OF FOUNDATION AREA</b>
Residential, Commercial & Industrial	\$ 0.15
Accessor	\$ 0.10
Carport, Garage, Deck and Patio	\$ 50.00 Flat Fee
Other Use Fee: Special Use, Variance or Rezoning Requests	\$ 175.00
Billboards	\$ 60.00 Flat Fee
Sub-Stations & Bulk, Storage Tanks (above or underground for commercial use) & Towers	Rate based on Current Market Cost Estimate: \$60 for the first \$ 5,000 for cost of new construction or additions. \$40 for each additional \$1,000;  \$50 Inspection Fee per visit

Application fees for permits for all alterations and remodeling, including enlarging or moving of structures, shall be charged in accordance with the following schedule

<b>ESTIMATED CURRENT MARKET VALUE OF WORK</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Up to \$5,000.00	\$ 50.00
\$5,000.01 and over	\$ 100.00

## Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance and Fees

Solar/Wind Energy Systems (SWES) will be required to have a Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance. Solar/Wind Energy Systems constructed before a Building Permit has been issued will be charged double the permit fee. A written plan and a plat/drawing for the proposed Solar/Wind Energy System shall be provided with the Initial Certificate of Zoning Compliance Application. The plat /drawing must show the location of the system on the building or on the property, with all property lines and setbacks indicated.

Application fees shall be submitted to and collected by the Bond County Zoning Dept prior to processing the application as follows:

	FEES BELOW
0-10 kW	\$200
11-50 kW	\$375
51-100 kW	\$750
101-500 Kw	\$2,000
501kW-1 MW	\$4,000
1 MW-2 MW	\$6,000
over 2 MW	\$6,000 plus \$200 each add'l 100kw or \$2,000 per each additional MW

The above fees do not include inspection fees, which must be paid for by the applicant. In addition to the inspection fees, a one-time application fee will be assessed at the time the application is filed. **The operator must hire an inspector, and the report delivered to the Bond County Zoning Administrator.**