FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10-70

RESOLUTION APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE FORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE – COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Ford County previously adopted certain regulations for the siting and development of commercial solar energy facilities in Ford County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation amending Section 5-12020 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12020), which governs local regulation of commercial solar energy facilities by Illinois counties, and on January 8, 2026, Governor Pritzker signed said legislation into law; and

WHEREAS, Ford County has an interest in complying with statutory law and ensuring the continued protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, following public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended the County Board adopt the proposed zoning text amendment, as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board, following review, consideration, and discussion, that the County Board hereby approves the zoning text amendment to the **FORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE – COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES** and what may be also be referred to as the "Commercial Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance" of Ford County, Illinois, as more fully set forth in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby repeals any prior ordinances pertaining to these subjects and hereby instructs the Zoning Administrator of Ford County to make said ordinance available to the general public for inspection.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of Ford County, Illinois this 13th day of October 2026, by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

Chairman
County Board of Ford County, Illinois

ATTEST:

Kelsie Vaughn
Clerk
County Board of Ford County, Illinois