

COUNTY BOARD OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04-25

WHEREAS, the County Board of Livingston County has responsibility for the efficiency of the land use and zoning process within the confines of the Illinois Counties Code;

WHEREAS, the County Board has assessed various issues related to the efficiency and procedural operations of the land use and zoning process of Livingston County;

WHEREAS, Livingston County has undertaken a process to identify means and methods to streamline the zoning process in order to increase operational efficiency and reduce costs;

WHEREAS, the Agricultural & Zoning Committee of the County Board has reviewed various methods to assist in streamlining and ensuring a process that is efficient and protective of the county and citizens' interests;

WHEREAS, Decommissioning Plans, Agreements and Financial Assurances are currently reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals;

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission currently reviews all Special Use Applications prior to the public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Livingston County Board that this Ordinance hereby adopts the following as amendments to the current procedural processes:


1. That all Decommissioning Plans, Agreements and/or Financial Assurances shall be reviewed by the Livingston County Board and/or designated Livingston County Administration and/or consultants selected by the County Board.
2. To the extent the recurrent Decommissioning reviews occur before the Zoning Board of Appeals as part of a condition of approval of the Special Use Permit, said conditions are hereby amended.
3. The Livingston County Regional Planning Commission shall continue to review the following classifications of zoning requests:
 - a. Text Amendments;
 - b. Map Amendments;
 - c. Subdivisions;
 - d. Planned Unit Developments;
 - e. Special Use Permit Applications seeking any of the following:
 - i. Commercial Solar Energy Facility of 6 megawatts AC or greater;
 - ii. Commercial Wind Energy Facility of 6 megawatts AC or greater;
 - iii. Airport or Heliport;
 - iv. Mineral Extraction; and
 - v. All other Special Use Applications as so requested by the County Board.

4. No other changes to the scope or process of the Regional Planning Commission are contemplated by this Ordinance.
5. To the extent any of the above requires amendment of the text of the Livingston County Zoning Code, the Administration is hereby directed to pursue and make such amendments as may be necessary.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, by the County Board of Livingston County, Illinois this 11th day of April, 2024.



James Carley
Chair, County Board of Livingston County



Kristy Masching
County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois

