Allen County



Farmland Coverage 66.90% land in farms

Population Density 586.4 per sq. mi.

Housing Unit Density 247.1 per sq. mi.

Population (2020)

385,410 ↑

County Type

Urban

PCPI (2019)

\$47,602

COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM STANDARDS

Use standards for CWECSs beyond zoning district's standards unless otherwise specified.

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED USE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION
All Districts, except Manufactured Home Park	Special Exception
REZONE REQ: NO ADDITIONAL PROCESSES: NO	NE

SETBACKS & BUFFERS

Setback	Same as accessory structure
Municipal Buffer	None
Use Buffer	None
Reciprocal Buffer (CM)	None

OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS

Minimum Lot Size	None
Maximum Height	Same as accessory structure
Noise Limit	None
Ground Cover Standards	None
Color Standards	None
Signage/Warnings Standards	None
Fencing Standards	None
Landscaping/Screening Standards	Same as accessory structure
Glare Standards	None
Other Standards	None

DEFINITION

Regulates all ground-mounted solar panels the same

PLANS & STUDIES REQUIRED

* Upon request
Decommission Plan
Economic Development Agreement
Maintenance Plan
Transportation/Road Use Plan
Vegetation/Landscape Plan
Environmental Assessment
☐ Emergency/Fire Safety Plan
☐ Drainage/Erosion Control Plan
Liability Insurance
Property Value Guarantee
Certificate of Design Compliance
Other plans or studies

COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM STANDARDS

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED USE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION
Large WECS are not a permitted use in any zoning district.	
REZONE REQ: NONE ADDITIONAL PROCESSES:	NONE

SETBACKS & BUFFERS

Setback	None
Municipal Buffer	None
Use Buffer	None
Reciprocal Buffer	None

OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS

Maximum Height	None
Minimum Blade Clearance	None
Maximum Noise Level	None
Shadow Flicker	None
Braking System Standards	None
Color Standards	None
Warnings/Hazard Protection Standards	None
Fence/Climb Prevention Standards	None
Lighting Standards	None
Interference	None
Other Standards	None

DEFINITION

WECS with capacity greater than 50 kw per system, height greater than 60' or swept area greater than 40'

PLANS & STUDIES REQUIRED

* Upon request
Decommission Plan
Economic Development Agreement
Maintenance Plan
☐ Transportation/Road Use Plan
☐ Vegetation/Landscape Plan
☐ Environmental Assessment
Sound Study
☐ Emergency/Fire Safety Plan
☐ Drainage/Erosion Control Plan
Liability Insurance
Property Value Guarantee
Certificate of Design Compliance
Certification by Engineer
Other plans or studies

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Extension