

# Adams County



**Farmland Coverage**  
98.10% land in farms

**Population Density**  
105.7 per sq. mi.

**Housing Unit Density**  
38.9 per sq. mi.

**Population (2020)**  
35,809 ↔

**County Type**  
Rural/Mixed

**PCPI (2019)**  
\$40,584

## COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM STANDARDS

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

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED USE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION
All zoning districts, but residential	Special Exception
REZONE REQ: NO ADDITIONAL PROCESSES: NONE	

### DEFINITION

System that generates electricity to be sold to wholesale or retail markets, unless generating capacity of 3MW or less that are located on own property

### SETBACKS & BUFFERS

Setback	None
Municipal Buffer	1500'
Use Buffer	600' or 1.1x tower height from residence, business or school
Reciprocal Buffer	Yes

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS

Maximum Height	None
Minimum Blade Clearance	75'
Maximum Noise Level	45 dB or 5 dB above ambient baseline
Shadow Flicker	No shadow flicker on non-participating residences or animal buildings
Braking System Standards	Yes
Color Standards	Yes
Warnings/Hazard Protection Standards	Yes
Fence/Climb Prevention Standards	Yes
Lighting Standards	Yes
Interference	Yes
Other Standards	Annual fee of \$5,000 per tower

### 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

## COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM STANDARDS

This county has no commercial solar specific regulations in their zoning ordinance.

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