A Snapshot of Renewable Energy Land Use Regulations in

Fulton County



Farmland Coverage 91.00% land in farms

Population Density 55.6 per sq. mi.

Housing Unit Density 25.9 per sq. mi.

Population (2020) 20,480 ↔

County Type Rural

PCPI (2019) \$43,775

COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM STANDARDS

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED USE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION	
Agriculture districts Rural Residential Suburban Residential Institutional & Recreation Commercial districts, except downtown Industrial Park Intensive Use	Special Exception Special Exception Special Exception Special Exception Special Exception Special Exception Special Exception	
REZONE REQ: NO ADDITIONAL PROCESSES: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE		

SETBACKS & BUFFERS

Setback	None
Municipal Buffer	None
Use Buffer	None
Reciprocal Buffer (CM)	None

OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS

Minimum Lot Size	None
Maximum Height	None
Noise Limit	None
Ground Cover Standards	None
Color Standards	None
Signage/Warnings Standards	None
Fencing Standards	None
Landscaping/Screening Standards	None
Glare Standards	None
Other Standards	Cannot exceed the impervious lot surface requirements

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

DEFINITION

Occupies more than 40,000 sq ft of panel surface area

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

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

ZONING DISTRICT	PERMITTED USE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION		
No Permitted Districts		DEFINITION Generates electricity to be sold t wholesale or retail markets	
REZONE REQ: NONE ADDITIONAL PROCESSES:	NONE		

SETBACKS & BUFFERS

Setback	1.5x/1.1x tower height
Municipal Buffer	1,500'- 3 miles depending on town/city
Use Buffer	2x tower height from residential dwelling 1,000' from public conservation lands or DNR lakes 2,640' from Tippecanoe River 660' from Caston schools
Reciprocal Buffer	Yes

OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS

Maximum Height	None
Minimum Blade Clearance	50'
Maximum Noise Level	50 dBA
Shadow Flicker	Limit of 30 minutes per day & 30 hrs per year on residence
Braking System Standards	Yes
Color Standards	Yes
Warnings/Hazard Protection Standards	Yes
Fence/Climb Prevention Standards	Yes
Lighting Standards	None
Interference	Yes
Other Standards	None

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	Property Value Guarantee
\ge	Certificate of Design Compliance
\ge	Certification by Engineer
	Other plans or studies

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