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POPE COUNTY RESOLUTION 202020
Approving an Amendment to the Pope County Land Use Ordinance
Section 10.5 and Section 10.12

WHEREAS, Pope County is authorized to carry on county planning and zoning activities in the unincorporated areas of the County pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 394; and

WHEREAS, the Pope County Comprehensive Plan identifies that land use regulations are to be clear, promote greater certainty in the land development process, and are consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pope County Comprehensive Plan states that there is to be a thorough review of the County's zoning and subdivision ordinances to identify those parts that are unclear or inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan or other county policies and make the appropriate amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Pope County Shoreland Ordinance (Ordinance #1) was adopted in 1972 and after multiple amendments and additions has subsequently (1999) become known as the Pope County Land Use Controls Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough review of the individual sections of the Land Use Controls Ordinance, it lacked definitions relating to solar energy systems and lacked performance standards relating to solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, this request, initiated by Land and Resource Management staff, to amend the Land Use Controls Ordinance to include such standards was considered by the Pope County Planning Advisory Commission, which after holding public hearings on March 26, April 23, and May 28, 2020 did recommend approval of the request to the Pope County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Pope County Planning Advisory Commission did hold an additional Public Hearing on June 25, 2020 seeking input from Township Boards on the matter and received none; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, the Pope County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to a Notice of Intent to amend the Pope County Land Use Ordinance considered the matter; and

WHEREAS, the records of the public hearing include the minutes of the Pope County Planning Advisory Commission of March 26, April 23, May 28 and June 25, 2020 and the staff reports, correspondence, presentations by staff of Pope County Land & Resource Management and members of the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pope County hereby amends Section 10.5 and Section 10.12 of the Pope County Land Use Controls Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Pope County Land & Resource Management department is directed to make the changes set forth in the Pope County Land Use Ordinance as follows and cause the same to be published and codified according to law.


ADOPTED at Glenwood, Pope County, Minnesota this 7th day of July, 2020.



Gordy Wagner, Chair
Pope County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

I hereby attest that the foregoing Resolution was duly executed by the Chair of the Pope County Board of Commissioners on the 7th day of July, 2020.



Kersten Kappmeyer
Pope County Coordinator

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