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LSL is at the Forefront of Wind Energy Regulation

“Energy is eternal delight.”

William Blake (1757-1827), *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, 1790-93

Wind Energy - Are You Prepared?



Alternative energy is a prominent element in the economic recovery plan announced by President Obama and many of the governors across the country. In Michigan, for example, power providers must supply at least 10 percent of their energy portfolio from alternative energy sources by 2015. Particularly near the Great Lakes, there has been strong interest in the potential of wind energy. LSL has been at the forefront of this growing energy phenomenon, assisting our clients with ordinances for “wind farms” and on-site, personal wind turbines, as well as preparing regulations for other alternative energy technologies.

Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS)

In June 2009, Michigan’s Wind Energy Resource Zones Board will issue a report that names primary wind generation regions. Already, leasing agents are blanketing areas where winds are strongest, hoping to establish sites for Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS). The size and impact of a large WECS installation can be significant. Does your community have the controls in place to answer the wind energy challenge?

Even in lower-wind municipalities where large-scale WECS are unlikely, homeowners and businesses have discovered the energy saving benefits of small, on-site WECS installations. However, most counties and municipalities do not have regulations for large or small WECS systems. LSL has been creating WECS ordinances for several years and understands the intricacies of wind energy regulation. We can help create a wind energy ordinance that can accommodate this new technology, while protecting neighboring properties, the community, and the environment.



For additional information on regulating WECS, alternative energy regulations or other zoning ordinance services, please contact Steven Van Steenhuyse at 616-336-7750 or vansteen@lslplanning.com

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