

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
MEADE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

Summary Version

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MEADE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE
920.00.

This is a summary version of an ordinance amending Meade County Planning and Zoning Ordinance 920.00, specifically amending the section regarding solar energy systems by imposing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for levels two and three solar energy systems.

The full version of this ordinance can be obtained in the Meade County Judge Executive's Office at the Meade County Courthouse, 516 Hillcrest Drive, Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108.

Given First Reading on the 14th day of May, 2024, and approved by at least a majority of the fiscal court members.

This ordinance will be read again, considered again, and possibly adopted by the Meade County Fiscal Court, 516 Hillcrest Drive, Brandenburg, Kentucky, on the 11th day of June 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08, SERIES 2024

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEADE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 4.3.7 LEVELS TWO AND THREE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS (SES).

SPONSORED BY: MEADE COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEMBER

WHEREAS, the Meade County Planning Commission and Fiscal Court have adopted Ordinance 4.3.7 to define, categorize and regulate Solar Energy Systems (SES); and

WHEREAS, Section 4.3.7 partially defines Levels Two and Three Solar Energy Systems (SES) as those which “shall be a conditional use in all Agricultural or Commercial/Heavy Industrial Zones”; and

WHEREAS, the Meade County Planning Commission and Fiscal Court have observed and found that the conversion of agricultural properties into land suitable for construction of Levels Two and Three Solar Energy Systems (SES) has contributed to negative effects on adjacent neighborhoods and communities within Meade County; and

WHEREAS, the Meade County Planning Commission and Fiscal Court have determined that these aforementioned negative effects are detrimental to the character of these adjacent neighborhoods and communities within Meade County, resulting in harm to the well-being of Meade County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Meade County Planning Commission and Fiscal Court intend to further analyze and study these aforementioned negative effects of the Levels Two and Three Solar Energy Systems (SES) to determine if amendments or repeals to existing regulations, if any, are necessary to reduce these aforementioned negative effects; and

WHEREAS, the Meade County Planning Commission and Fiscal Court intend to initiate a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and processing of all applications for Levels Two and Three Solar Energy Systems (SES) in order to eliminate any potential furtherance of these aforementioned negative effects to Meade County neighborhoods, communities, and residents while this analysis and study occur; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this analysis and study shall take approximately one (1) year, or three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MEADE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: There is hereby imposed a moratorium on the acceptance and further processing by the Meade County Planning and Zoning Department, Meade County Planning Commission, Meade County Fiscal Court, or any other related department of Meade County Local Government, of any applications for rezoning, conditional use permits, or any other types of applications for Levels Two and Three Solar Energy Systems (SES). Applications that have a scheduled public hearing before any of the aforementioned agencies as of the effective date of this Ordinance may continue to be processed and decided upon by those agencies; and

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval and shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year, or three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days after its effective date or once amendments, if any, are approved by the Meade County Fiscal Court, whichever comes first, unless repealed or extended.

Given first reading on the ____ day of _____, 2024. Given second reading on the ____ day of _____, 2024, 7:00 pm EST at the Meade County Courthouse, 516 Hillcrest Drive, Brandenburg, Kentucky, 40108; Adopted by the Fiscal Court of Meade County, Kentucky on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

MEADE COUNTY FISCAL COURT:

BY: _____
TROY KOK
MEADE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

BY: _____
TAMMY GRAHAM
FISCAL COURT CLERK

APPROVED:

BY: _____
SIDNEY DURHAM
MEADE COUNTY ATTORNEY