

**Notice of Public Hearing
Huron County Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
County Building, Room 305
250 E. Huron Avenue, Bad Axe, Michigan, 48413**

**Consideration of Huron County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments to
Article XV: Special Approval Use Permits Section 15.02:
Section 15.02.11 Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems
Section 15.02.12 Battery Energy Storage Systems**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Huron County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., during a regular meeting, to receive comments on the following proposed zoning ordinance text amendments pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, as amended, being the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act:

ZA 2026-01: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments pertaining to the following:

1. Text amendment to include host community agreement requirements to existing Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems ordinance regulations based upon Public Act 233 of 2023, Section 227.
2. Text amendment to include project completion report requirements to existing Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems ordinance regulations based upon Public Act 233 of 2023, Section 227a.

Copies of the above text amendments are available upon request by contacting the Huron County Building & Zoning Department and are also available online at <http://www.co.huron.mi.us/>.

Persons interested in the above are invited to this hearing. For those unable to attend the meeting, written comments will be accepted by mail at the Huron County Building & Zoning Department, 250 E. Huron Avenue, Room 102, Bad Axe, Michigan 48413, by fax to 989-269-3362, or by email smithj@co.huron.mi.us. The Zoning Ordinance of Huron County/Zoning Maps and proposed amendments are available for review during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prior to the hearing. Following the public hearing, a recommendation may be transmitted to the Huron County Board of Commissioners for action. Questions concerning the above should be directed to Jeff Smith of the Huron County Building & Zoning Department at 989-269-9269.

This notice is disseminated and posted pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, as amended.

**Huron County Planning Commission
Bill Renn, Chairman**

ZA 2026-01 Zoning text amendment to Huron County Zoning Ordinance Article XV. Special Approval Use Permits (effective July 22, 2025) pertaining to the Utility-Scale Solar Energy and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Ordinances.

Huron County Planning Commission to hold public hearing February 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Utility-Scale Solar Energy Ordinance Text Amendment to Section 15.02.11.22

Text Amendment to add the following subsections 1, 2 and 3:

1. The applicant for a special approval use permit shall enter into a host community agreement with Huron County. The host community agreement shall require that, upon commencement of any operation, the energy facility owner must pay Huron County \$2,000.00 per megawatt of nameplate capacity located within Huron County's zoning jurisdiction. The payment shall be used as determined by Huron County for police, fire, public safety, or other infrastructure, or for other projects as agreed to by Huron County and the applicant.
2. The host community agreement is legally binding and inures to the benefit of the parties and their successors and assigns, and is enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction.
3. Before commencing commercial operations, an applicant shall file a completion report with the Huron County Planning Commission certifying compliance with the requirements of this ordinance and any conditions contained in the special approval use permit.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Ordinance Text Amendment to Section 15.02.12.13

Text Amendment to add the following subsections 1, 2 and 3:

1. The applicant for a special approval use permit shall enter into a host community agreement with Huron County. The host community agreement shall require that, upon commencement of any operation, the energy facility owner must pay Huron County \$2,000.00 per megawatt of nameplate capacity located within Huron County's zoning jurisdiction. The payment shall be used as determined by Huron County for police, fire, public safety, or other infrastructure, or for other projects as agreed to by Huron County and the applicant.
2. The host community agreement is legally binding and inures to the benefit of the parties and their successors and assigns, and is enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction.
3. Before commencing commercial operations, an applicant shall file a completion report with the Huron County Planning Commission certifying compliance with the requirements of this ordinance and any conditions contained in the special approval use permit.