

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Referendum on Huron County Zoning Amendment 2026-01 to Appear on August 4, 2026 Ballot**

Huron County, MI — Voters who reside within the zoning jurisdiction of Huron County will have the opportunity to weigh in on a zoning-related referendum during the August 4, 2026 election.

The referendum concerns Zoning Amendment 2026-01, adopted in ordinance form, which revises portions of the Huron County Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, the amendment updates Article XV – Special Use Permits, Sections 15.02.11.22 and 15.02.12.13, by adding the following language related to utility-scale solar energy systems and battery storage facilities:

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.

The ballot question will ask voters whether this newly adopted language should remain part of the Huron County Zoning Ordinance. A vote in favor would allow the amendment to stand as adopted, while a vote against would result in the removal of the added provisions.

All other sections of the Huron County Zoning Ordinance will remain unchanged, regardless of the outcome of the referendum.

Residents are encouraged to review the full text of Zoning Amendment 2026-01 as posted on the County's website [www.co.huron.mi.us](http://www.co.huron.mi.us) and participate in the upcoming election.

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