

BENTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Ordinance No. 343
AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING WIND ENERGY
CONVERSION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the Benton County Development Code currently contains no provisions for the regulation of wind generators; and,

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board is concerned that construction or placement of wind generators, without appropriate standards to safeguard surrounding property and persons, would adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Benton County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board will undertake studies to determine the most effective means of regulating wind generators and wind energy conversion systems; and,

WHEREAS, until said studies are complete, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Benton County require that a moratorium be placed on such uses; now, therefore,

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY ORDAINS:

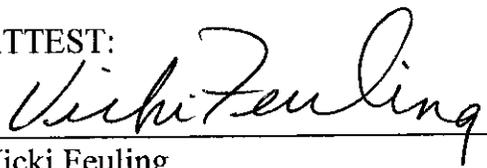
1. Definition: Wind Energy Conversion System means any device such as a wind charger, windmill, or wind turbine with associated facilities that convert wind energy to electrical energy.
2. Moratorium: No wind energy conversion systems shall be placed or constructed within the unincorporated areas of Benton County that are subject to the controls of the Benton County Development Code.
3. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication and shall remain in effect until August 14, 2002.

ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2002, BY THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.



Duane Cekalla, Chair
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Vicki Feuling
County Clerk/Administrative Assistant

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