

To: Davison County Planning & Zoning / Commissioners

We are writing today to let you know we oppose the proposal on wind energy (section 3:11). It is our opinion that the setback from a non-participating residence, business or public building should be a minimum of 1 mile (5280') instead of 1000 feet.

Davison County is a relatively high density county with an increasing number of rural acreages. Having a wind tower farm in our backyard would greatly reduce the value of our homes. According to Mr. Koupal's email, property values would be reduced by as much as 40% if the wind tower ordinance would be approved as proposed. Even at a mile the negative impact on land values could be 10-15%. Who wants their home/land value to decrease?

A solid decommissioning plan should also be included in Davison County's ordinance. It should include complete removal of "all" tower components if out of service for a continuous 12 month period and how it will be paid for including consideration for inflation. The owner should be required to set aside funds possibly through a bond in order to guarantee funds for the cost of decommissioning each tower.

We understand the perceived value in regards to tax revenue for the county and are not against alternative energy sources but feel we need to look at the affects this will have on our lives along with future generations.

Respectfully,

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