

Commissioners,

I cannot emphasize the complexity of this endeavor that is before us.

We really need to take a hard look at modern implementation of zoning ordinances based on facts of historical data.

It is so important to get this ordinance right the first time, once the process is started, it's over, it is very difficult to move a an erected wind turbine to a new location.

This is an ordinance that can be changed to have a closer setback, but it cannot be changed, once action is taken, to have a more distance setback.

NOTE; a proposed change in setback 2017 legislation in Minnesota

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[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF1906&session=ls90&version=latest&session\\_number=0&session\\_year=2017](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF1906&session=ls90&version=latest&session_number=0&session_year=2017)

Sec. 4.

**[216F.10] SETBACKS; WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or order of the commission, a site permit for a wind energy conversion system (WECS) issued by the commission or by a county that has assumed that authority under section 216F.08 must comply with the requirements of this section.

(b) No site permit may be issued for a WECS with a minimum distance to the residence in closest proximity to the WECS that is less than ten times the height of the WECS.

(c) No site permit may be issued for a WECS with a minimum distance from the property line of any parcel adjacent to the parcel on which the WECS is constructed that is less than 1.5 times the height of the WECS, except that the minimum distance for a WECS whose height is 350 feet or greater is 1,640 feet.

(d) For the purposes of this section:

(1) distance must be measured from the tip of the WECS blade at its closest point to the nearest residence or property line of an adjacent parcel, as applicable; and

(2) height must be measured from the ground to the tip of a blade in the center upright position.

**Are we South Dakotans ready for the influx of industrial wind turbines as proposed by Xcel Energy's recent announcement?**

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<http://www.argusleader.com/story/opinion/2017/03/24/voice-xcel-energys-wind-zone-endangers-citizens/99591064/>

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