

**ALPINE TOWNSHIP  
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 24-04**

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE  
ISSUANCE OF TOWNSHIP PERMITS, LICENSES OR APPROVALS FOR  
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS THAT PRIMARILY GENERATE ELECTRICITY FOR  
OFF-SITE USE**

The Township of Alpine Ordains:

**SECTION 1: Findings.** In accordance with Act No. 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, and Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, the Alpine Township Board of Trustees has determined that:

1. The provisions within the Alpine Township ordinances, including Ordinance No. 89-9 as amended (the Township Zoning Ordinance), have not kept pace with developments with respect to new technologies and business practices of solar energy systems.
2. The Alpine Township Board desires to revise and update provisions within the Township Zoning Ordinance regarding solar energy systems.
3. It is within the rights of the Township to establish reasonable regulations regarding solar energy systems to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
4. Imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary in order to allow time for the review of potential amendments to Alpine Township ordinances.
5. During this moratorium period, the Alpine Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission will review Township ordinances and may modify the regulations for solar energy systems in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

**SECTION 2: Administrative Action.** A moratorium is hereby imposed upon the processing or issuance of any and all Township permits, licenses or approvals for solar energy systems that primarily generate electricity for off-site use within Alpine Township, so long as this ordinance is in effect.

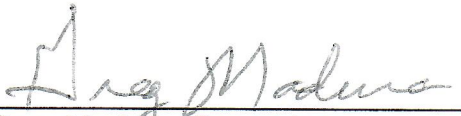
**SECTION 3: Term of Ordinance.** The moratorium imposed by this ordinance shall remain in effect for six months following the effective date of this ordinance or until applicable amendments to the Township's ordinances become effective, whichever occurs first. Prior to the expiration of the six month moratorium, the Township Board of Trustees may extend, by resolution, the moratorium for up to

an additional six months to allow sufficient time to complete amendments to the ordinances.

**SECTION 4: Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective the day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees held on Monday, February 19, 2024 in a motion offered by Schweitzer, with support from Cordes. The motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-04 WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Greg Madura, Supervisor

  
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Christy Mitchell, Clerk

I, Christy Mitchell, the Alpine Township Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Alpine Township Board of Trustees held on Monday, February 19, 2024, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

  
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Christy Mitchell, Clerk