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***Reno County Planning Commission Order for Amending Commercial Wind  
Energy Conversion System Regulations***

**WHEREAS**, the Reno County Planning Commission has determined it necessary to consider amending the Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Regulations as defined in Article 15-105(14) of the Reno County Zoning Regulations.

**WHEREAS**, the Reno County Planning Commission has determined that public input is necessary and valuable to amending Article 15-105(14) of the Reno County Zoning Regulations.

**WHEREAS**, the Reno County Planning Commission has determined it necessary to establish a written procedure and to provide an orderly method to gather public input on amending Article 15-105(14) of the Reno County Zoning Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DETERMINED** by the Reno County, Kansas Planning Commission, the procedure contained in this document is approved by a majority of the Board:

1. The public is encouraged to submit written suggestions, proposals and comments related to commercial wind energy conversion system regulations to the Reno County Planning Department beginning on March 4, 2020. Documents may be submitted by email to [mark.vonachen@renogov.org](mailto:mark.vonachen@renogov.org), mailed to the Reno County Public Works Department at the address listed above, or hand-delivered to the Reno County Public Works Department at the address listed above.
2. Due to potential inaccuracies and misunderstandings which may result, the content of phone calls or personal visits with Reno County staff will not be transcribed and distributed to the Reno County Planning Commission.
3. In addition, individuals will be allowed not to exceed five (5) minutes to address the Planning Commission on commercial wind energy conversion system regulations on June 18, 2020 commencing at 4:30 p.m. at the Reno County Public Works Department at the address listed above. Public comment on other matters will not be allowed at that time.
4. At the conclusion of the Planning Commission meeting on June 18, 2020, the time for submittal of commercial wind energy conversion system regulation documents will conclude.
5. All written documentation submitted between March 4, 2020 and the close of the public meeting on June 18, 2020 will be distributed to all members of the Planning Commission by Planning Department staff.

6. At the conclusion of the Planning Commission meeting on June 18, 2020, the Planning Commission will not accept additional comment on wind energy conversion system regulations until such time as proposed amendments have been submitted to the Planning Commission. A Public Hearing for comment on the proposed regulations will be scheduled before the Planning Commission at a time and place to be announced.
7. Citizens are permitted to attend and listen to the discussion at every public meeting of the Planning Commission. Citizens are only permitted to address the Planning Commission at times designated in this procedure.
8. There is no implied guarantee any written documents or public comment submitted by the public will be incorporated into the drafting of proposed updated commercial wind energy conversion system regulations. All such documentation will be given appropriate consideration as will material from other sources available through County Planning Staff.
9. Draft copies of the proposed commercial wind energy conversion system regulations will be made available to the public at times to be determined by the Planning Commission.
10. Once the Planning Commission determines the draft commercial wind energy conversion system regulations are in final format, a public hearing date will set in accordance with Kansas State Statute requirements. All persons desiring individual notice of the public hearing shall provide a written request for the same to the Planning Staff.
11. At the public hearing, individuals desiring to speak will be allowed not to exceed five (5) minutes to address the Planning Commission and to submit additional written documents.
12. Following close of the public hearing, the Planning Commission will proceed without further public input to make a recommendation for proposed commercial wind energy conversion system regulations to the Board of County Commissioners.
13. This procedure is subject to change as circumstances require at the discretion of the Planning Commission. One such circumstance is the effect the COVID-19 Virus will have on these proceedings.

Adopted at Reno County, Kansas, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2020.

  
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Russ Goertzen, Chairman  
Reno County Planning Commission

  
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Mark Vonachen, Secretary