

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-08-39R

**A RESOLUTION OF PROTEST AGAINST A PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO
THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

**(A request by the Champaign County Zoning Administrator to amend the text of the
Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to add “PV Solar Farm” as a new principal use /
CCZBA-895-AT-18)**

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Zoning Administrator is requesting a text amendment to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance in Champaign County No. CCZBA-895-AT-18 to add “PV Solar Farm” as a new principal use under the category “Industrial Uses: Electric Power Generating Facilities” and indicate that a PV Solar Farm may be authorized by a County Board Special Use Permit in the AG-1 and AG-2 – Agriculture Zoning Districts. This amendment would allow for the development of large- and medium-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays in the unincorporated areas of Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed text amendment has been submitted to the City of Urbana for review and is being considered by the City of Urbana under the name of “CCZBA-895-AT-18”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of State of Illinois Compiled Statutes 55 ILCS 5/5-12014 that states in cases of any proposed zoning amendment where the land affected lies within one-and-one-half (1-1/2) miles of the limits of a zoned municipality, the corporate authorities of the zoned municipality may by resolution issue written protest against the proposed text amendment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed text amendment is compatible with the Goals and Objectives and Future Land Use Map of the 2005 City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Plan Commission met on August 9, 2018, to consider the proposed text amendment and voted with six ayes and zero nays to forward to the City Council a recommendation of defeat of a resolution of protest with a condition; and

WHEREAS, the condition recommended by the Urbana Plan Commission is considered not to be legally enforceable; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council, having duly considered all matters pertaining thereto,

finds and determines that the proposed text amendment is not in the best interest of the City of Urbana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council finds and determines that the facts contained in the above recitations are true.

Section 2. That the Urbana City Council hereby resolves that the City of Urbana, pursuant to the provisions of 55 ILCS 5/5-12014, does hereby APPROVE a Resolution of Protest against the proposed text amendment as presented in CCZBA-895-AT-18.

DEFEATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 20th day of August, 2018.

AYES:

NAYS: Ammons, Brown, Hazen, Jakobsson, Miller, Wu

ABSTENTIONS:

Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____, day of _____, 2018.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor