

Summary: An ordinance amending Title 14 of the Lincoln County Code to amend definitions, use tables, development standards, and other related sections to allow for renewable energy development and supporting facilities in the Toquop Planning Area.

BILL NO. 2010-__

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-__

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY CODE TO ADD DEFINITIONS; ADD USES TO USE TABLES; AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, development of the Toquop Planning Area is governed by Lincoln County Code Title 14;

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Code Title 14 needs to be maintained in a manner that allows it to adequately address planned development;

WHEREAS, Lincoln County recognizes the benefits of development within the Toquop Planning Area occurring in compliance with Lincoln County Code Title 14;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that it is in the public interest to maintain Lincoln County Code Title 14 for the orderly development of the Toquop Planning Area;

WHEREAS, Lincoln County wishes to promote the development of renewable energy projects on private lands within the County to increase its tax base and become more fiscally independent from outside fiscal resources;

WHEREAS, Energy development was not originally envisioned as a marketable or viable use prior to the downturn in the economy and housing market in 2008;

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN DO ORDAIN:

THE AMENDMENT TO TITLE 14 OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING USES, STANDARDS AND DEFINITIONS.

1. Adds the definition for "Renewable Energy Electric Power Generation" as a utility scale (with output of up to 250 megawatts or less) power generating unit established as primary use designed to provide wholesale power. Such renewable energy electric power generation technologies include, but are not limited to: fuel cells, photovoltaic or other solar generation technology, geothermal and wind turbines. This definition includes all such existing technology as well as future technology related to and for the Renewable Energy Electric Power Generation industry.
2. Appendix "F" PARKING STANDARDS. Under "Technical Uses" and "Renewable Energy Electric Power Generation" Parking Requirements as follows: minimum Required: 1 per full time employee.
3. Appendix "G" PERMITTED USES, Add the "Renewable Energy Electric Power Generation" as a Permitted Use under the following zoning districts : M-1, M-2; also adds transmission and distribution lines, substations and related facilities subject to the Planned Unit Development Process.
4. Appendix "G" PERMITTED USES, Add the "Renewable Energy Electric Power Generation" Special Use Permit Required under the following zoning districts; C-1, C-2, Also adds transmission and distribution lines, substations and related facilities subject to the Planned Unit Development Process.
5. Adds the definition of "substation" to Chapter 6 definitions as being: "An assembly of equipment in an electric power system through which electrical energy is passed for transmission, distribution, interconnection, transformation, conversion, or switching."

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND THE PUBLICATION THEREOF BY TITLE ONLY, IN A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN AND HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA, AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) WEEKS.

