

Boone County Wind Farm Regulations Timeline

as of 7/26/21

2018	July	County Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit for a met mast tower in northern Boone County.
2019	February	A private company (E.ON) sent several residents near Harrisburg letters stating the company's intent to explore whether a wind farm could be viable in the area.
	March	Harrisburg residents organized an informal public meeting to discuss their questions and concerns regarding the proposed wind farm project
	April	The County Commission directed Resource Management to work with the Planning and Zoning Commission to draft policies regarding commercial scale wind farms PZ began holding work sessions to discuss details. In total there would be 14 work sessions between April 2019 and May 2021
	May	A series of guiding principles became clear that the Planning and Zoning Commission would use to prioritize discussion regarding Wind Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high level of community support for all proposed wind farms; • A high commitment to public safety, health, and welfare; • Minimizing impacts to non-participating properties and property owners; • Ensuring mitigation of any degradation of public transportation infrastructure; • Minimizing impacts to the natural environment; • Ensuring a fair process
	June	Energy and Environment Commission presented findings to the Planning and Zoning Commission
	July	The PZ Commission, after thorough research & guidance from the EEC, began making preliminary decisions regarding setback distance and interest in modeling the wind regulations on existing Character Preservation Overlay District
	December	The Wind Energy Conversion Overlay District framework was established, and staff began drafting regulations. This framework also included the intent for each turbine to apply for a Conditional Use Permit in addition to the District
	2020	January
March		The COVID-19 Pandemic temporarily delayed progress on regulations and hosting public meetings.
2021	January	The PZ Commission reviewed past findings and refined draft regulations presented by staff with intent to host Public Hearings in the coming months
	April	Three Public Hearings were hosted in Harrisburg, Ashland, and Columbia. Staff collected public comment provided both at hearings and through the dedicated WECOD email address
	May	After reviewing public input, staff presented an updated draft of the WECOD Regulations and a Wind Turbine specific Conditional Use Permit (WECS-C CUP) to the PZ Commission. The drafts were approved unanimously.
	July	Draft regulations were brought to the County Commission for consideration