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**Public Notice: Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing for Review and Recommendation of the Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance Public Notice**

MSA Professional Services, in collaboration with Wapello County staff, elected officials, and other community stakeholders, has prepared the final draft of the Wapello County Renewable Energy Ordinance.

Over the past several months, MSA has researched best practices and developed model ordinance language to guide the regulation of renewable energy systems— including wind, solar, and battery energy storage systems— drawing from comparable Iowa counties and recent discussions at the state level.

Several work sessions and engagement activities with the Wapello County Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors have also helped shape this ordinance. The public is now invited to attend a formal Zoning Commission Public Hearing to review the draft Ordinance and provide comments. The Zoning Commission Public Hearing to review and recommend adoption of the Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance will be held on **Monday, July 28, at 5:30 pm, at the Bridge View Center (102 Church Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501).**

During the hearing, MSA will present an overview of the Ordinance development process, key components from the Ordinance, supporting background research, and next steps.

Residents are encouraged to review the draft Ordinance and attend the hearing to ask questions and offer input, in accordance with public hearing procedures.

Following the Zoning Commission's review and recommendation of the Ordinance, the Wapello County Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to hold the first public hearing to review and consider adoption of the Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance in August.

Sincerely,  
Miranda Bailey  
Wapello County Zoning Administrator