

Resolution No. 26-10

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, under Illinois law, including the Illinois Municipal Code, municipalities are granted the authority to regulate land use, zoning, and development within their jurisdictions to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of their residents; and

WHEREAS, local zoning enables municipalities to thoughtfully plan for and promote a balanced mix of housing types and commercial developments in a manner that reflects community needs, infrastructure capacity and long-term planning goals; and

WHEREAS, under Illinois law, including the Illinois Municipal Code, municipalities may exert jurisdictional authority over zoning and subdivision matters in an area outside the corporate boundaries but within 1.5 miles of the municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, under Illinois law, including the Illinois Municipal Code, municipalities may enter into annexation agreements with developers of land within 1.5 miles of the municipality's corporate limits;

WHEREAS, the regulation and enforcement of zoning ordinances are core functions of local government, requiring coordination among municipal staff, elected officials and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, denying municipalities any authority over such essential matters threatens the unique character of the towns, villages, and cities in Illinois and is counterproductive to the efforts of those municipalities to manage and promote growth in their communities; and

WHEREAS, only local government has the knowledge and means to address development issues in and near municipalities while maintaining the character and economic wellbeing of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of Sherman find that the termination of municipal input over land use and zoning for wind and solar farms in or near Sherman is detrimental to the continued vitality of Sherman; and

WHEREAS, maintaining municipal input over zoning and land use decisions supports transparency, public participation, and community trust; and

WHEREAS, any erosion of local zoning authority creates a disconnect between those responsible for enforcing regulations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes the current Sangamon County Zoning Code and Zoning Map strip both the Village and the County of any input over certain zoning and land use decisions in the 1.5 miles surrounding the Village's corporate limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sherman as follows:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Village of Sherman urges Casey Constant and Annette Fulgenzi, the County Board Members encompassing the Village of Sherman, and the other Members of the Sangamon County Board, to restore municipal input for land use and zoning in relation to solar farms, and to support the Petition brought by Sangamon County Board Member Craig Hall to re-zone real estate near New Berlin to achieve and allow local input.

Section 3: The Village of Sherman encourages County Board Members Casey Constant and Annette Fulgenzi to present a similar petition to re-zone the land within 1.5 miles of Sherman’s corporate limits.

Section 4: The Village Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to County Board Members Casey Constant and Annette Fulgenzi and the Sangamon County Board.

Approved this 16th day of June, 2026.



[Signature]

 Village President

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 Deputy Village Clerk

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
FOX	XX			
GRAY	XX			
HAHN			XX	
LONG	XX			
SCHULTZ	XX			
SHERROCK	XX			
CLATFELTER	XX			
TOTAL	6	0	1	0

