

Notice of Public Hearing

Public notice is hereby given that the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing for the first reading in consideration of:

Ordinance #33 “An Ordinance Adopting Regulations for Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems (US-SES), Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and Commercial Energy Battery Storage Systems (C-BESS) on Property Located in the Unincorporated Areas of Poweshiek County, Iowa”

and

Ordinance #34 “An Ordinance for the Purpose of Adopting Iowa Code Chapter 657 and 657A to Prohibit Nuisances Within Poweshiek County and Providing for Enforcement and Penalties”

at their regular meeting on **Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Poweshiek County Courthouse, Montezuma, Iowa. Copies of the full text of said Ordinance are available to the public at the Poweshiek County Auditor’s Office or on the County’s website at www.poweshiekcountyiowa.gov

Summary Ordinance #33: The purpose of this ordinance is to establish guidelines for the siting, design, construction, and decommissioning of US-SESs and C-BESS, which generate and/or store electricity to be sold to wholesale or retail markets. In addition, the purpose of this Ordinance shall be to promote public health, safety, comfort, and general welfare, while facilitating economic opportunities for rural residents and promoting a goal of increased energy production from renewable energy sources. The requirements of this Ordinance shall apply to all US-SESs and C-BESS constructed after the effective date of this Ordinance.

Summary Ordinance #34: The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the creation or maintenance of a nuisance to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the County and of its residents by providing penalties for violations.

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