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Subject: Re Moratorium request, incl. solar at Brockman; & link to Tonka Bay example

Dear Mayor Taylor and Members of City Council, Energy Commission, and Planning Commission,

It has come to our attention that the permit for the 2015 Brockman ground-mounted solar installation has not yet been issued, and therefore a City of Ann Arbor moratorium on such solar collectors potentially should apply to the Brockman array, as well as to any similar pending permit applications. So that Ann Arbor will not be subject to helter-skelter construction of eyesore and potentially hazardous ground-mounted solar installations, we request that a moratorium on such constructions be immediately imposed.

We request also that steps be undertaken promptly to bring about Ann Arbor's adoption of appropriate solar energy zoning and regulations, as has been proposed by both the Planning Commission and City Council.

An interesting example of such a moratorium is the one recently imposed by the city of Tonka Bay, Minnesota:

**ORDINANCE 2016-02
AN INTERIM ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE INSTALLATION OF
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY
THE CITY OF TONKA BAY ORDAINS:**

[Full text at]

http://www.cityoftonkabay.net/vertical/sites/%7B4A0B5943-C4EE-4132-80D2-7FD9E610BCBF%7D/uploads/ITEM_9B_-_2_SOLAR_ENERGY_SYSTEMS_INTERIM_ORDINANCE.pdf

Many thanks for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely yours,

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