

SEC. 17.1.133 PERMIT PROCEDURE - WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS.

(a) **Application.** The permit application for a wind energy system shall be made to the Building Inspector on forms provided by the Village. The application shall include the following information:

(1) The name and address of the applicant.

(2) The address of the property on which the system will be located.

(3) Applications for the erection of a wind energy conversion system shall be accompanied by a plat or survey for the property to be served showing the location of the generating facility and the means by which the facility will provide power to structures. If the system is intended to provide power to more than one (1) premises, the plat or survey shall show all properties to be served and the means of connection to the wind energy conversion system. A copy of all agreements with system users off the premises shall accompany the application. The application shall further indicate the level of noise to be generated by the system and provide assurances as to the safety features of the system. Energy easements shall accompany the application.

(4) An accurate and complete written description of the use for which special grant is being requested, including pertinent statistics and operational characteristics.

(5) Plans and other drawings showing proposed development of the site and buildings, including landscape plans, location of parking and service areas, driveways, exterior lighting, type of building material, etc., if applicable.

(6) Any other information which the Village Board or Administrator may deem to be necessary to the proper review of the application.

(7) The Zoning Administrator shall review the application and, if the application is complete and contains all required information, shall refer it to the Village Board.

(b) **Hearing.** Upon referral of the application, the Village Board shall schedule a public hearing thereof as soon as practical and the Village Board shall notice said hearing as deemed appropriate.

(c) **Determination.** Following public hearing and necessary study and investigation, the Village Board shall, as soon as practical, render its decision in writing and a copy made a permanent part of the Board's minutes. Such decision shall include an accurate description of the special use permitted, of the property on which permitted, and any and all conditions made applicable thereto, or, if disapproved, shall indicate the reasons for disapproval. The Village Board may impose any conditions or exemptions necessary to minimize any burden on the persons affected by granting the special use permit.

(d) **Termination.** When a special use does not continue in conformity with the conditions of the original approval, or where a change in the character of the surrounding area or of the use itself cause it to be no longer compatible with surrounding areas, or for similar cause based upon consideration for the public welfare, the special grant may be terminated by action of the Village Board following a public hearing thereon.

(e) **Changes.** Subsequent change or addition to the approved plans or use shall first be submitted for approval to the Village Board and if, in the opinion of the Board, such change or addition constitutes a substantial alteration, a public hearing before the Village Board shall be required and notice thereof be given.

(f) **Approval Does Not Waive Permit Requirements.** The approval of a permit under this Article shall not be construed to waive the requirement to obtain electrical, building or plumbing permits prior to installation of any system.