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Commissioners Vote on Renewable Energy Policy

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Today the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners approved amendments to the Community Investments Plan and Unified Zoning Code, which addresses commercial wind and solar energy operations.

The amendments allow commercial solar energy systems that meet development and performance standards; allow for small wind and solar systems on individual properties that comply with guidelines; and prohibit commercial wind energy conversion systems in the City of Wichita and unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County.

“After a thorough analysis of public input, airport locations, and residential development patterns, commercial wind energy systems have been deemed incompatible with our area,” said Chairman David Dennis. “Going forward, solar panels will still be welcome in our community. Kansans have a long history of being good stewards of our natural resources and I’m pleased to continue that tradition in Sedgwick County.”

The new guidelines protect the area’s future growth potential, aviation facilities such as “airports and landing strips” and addresses “aesthetics, environmental and cultural” concerns related to an urban county.

Prior to today’s vote, County officials held several public engagement opportunities including public meetings and public online forums.

The City of Wichita is expected to vote on the matter at a future meeting.

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About Sedgwick County

Established in 1867 and located in south-central Kansas, Sedgwick County is home to more than 500,000 residents and occupies 1,008 square miles of land. The county holds 21 municipalities including the county seat, Wichita, the largest city in Kansas and known as the Air Capital of the World as a global leader in aviation manufacturing services. Sedgwick County's 2019 Adopted Budget of \$439,530,621 focuses on its key priorities (Safe and Secure Communities, Public Services and Cultural Experiences, Effective Government Organization, and Communications and Engagement). Sedgwick County, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2020, bears the name of a Civil War hero, Major General John Sedgwick of the Union Army.

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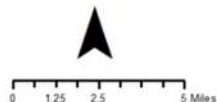
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Legend

- Neighboring Airport
- Neighboring Airport Buffer
- Growth Area
- BOCC District
- Area Airport
- County
- 1 mile solar buffer
- City Limits**
- CITY**
- ANDALE
- BELAIRE
- BENTLEY
- CHENEY
- CLEARWATER
- COLWICH
- DERBY
- EASTBOROUGH
- GARDEN PLAIN
- GODDARD
- HAYSVILLE
- KECH
- MAIZE
- MOUNT HOPE
- MULVANE
- PARK CITY
- SEDGWICK
- SEDGWICK COUNTY
- VALLEY CENTER
- VIOLA
- WICHITA
- 5 mile airport buffer

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