

**CITY OF WIXOM
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF WIXOM CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 18, ZONING CHAPTER 18.13, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES, SECTIONS 18.13.070 TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR PANELS AND TO MODIFY SECTION 18.13.080, WIND GENERATORS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR ACCESSORY WIND GENERATORS

THE CITY OF WIXOM ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment.

Title 18, Zoning, Chapter 18.13, Accessory Buildings and Uses, of the City of Wixom City Code, shall be amended to modify Section 18.13.070, Solar Panels, to read as follows:

Sec. 18.13.070. Solar Panels.

Freestanding or rooftop solar panels shall be considered an accessory structure in all zoning districts and shall be subject to the requirements for such, together with all other applicable building codes and ordinances Solar panels must be placed and oriented such that glare does not project onto roadways and nearby properties. For nonresidential uses, solar panels may be permitted in the front yard. Car ports with solar generators may be permitted in the front yard only if occupying no more than 25% of the front parking area and covered by solar panels in which the maximum allowable height between the solar panel at peak tilt and the ground may be 25 feet.

Title 18, Zoning, Chapter 18.13, Accessory Buildings and Uses, of the City of Wixom City Code, shall be amended to modify Section 18.13.080, Wind Generators, to read as follows:

18.13.080 Wind generators.

Wind generators may be permitted in side yards, rear yards, or rooftops when the following conditions are met:

- A. The highest point of any portion of the generator shall not exceed thirty-five feet above the average grade of the lot or twenty feet from the deck of a roof.

- B. The generator device shall be placed no closer to any side or rear lot line than the total distance between the grade of the lot at the base of the tower and the highest point of any portion of the generator. If rooftop mounted, the generator device must be setback at least thirty feet from all roof edges and at least thirty feet from each other wind turbine.
- C. The maximum diameter formed by a circle encompassing the outermost portions of the blades or other wind activated surfaces shall not exceed thirty percent of the distance between the ground and the highest point of any portion of the wind generator. The generator shall be so located that no portion of the structure would penetrate the vertical plane of any adjacent property line if it were to topple over in its normally assembled configuration.
- D. The construction of the tower, blades, base structure, accessory building and wiring shall meet all applicable city building code and ordinances.

Section 2. Savings Clause.

Nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any just or legal right or remedy of any character nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 4. Adoption.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the City of Wixom City Council at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 25th day of February 2025, and ordered to be given effect upon publication as mandated by Charter and statute.

Patrick Beagle, Mayor

Crystal Opalko, City Clerk

Notice of adoption published in the Legal News on March 5, 2025.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Wixom, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting of the City Council duly called and held on 25th day of February, 2025.

Crystal Opalko, City Clerk