



Ohio Revised Code

Section 303.213 Small wind farms zoning regulations.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Small wind farm" means wind turbines and associated facilities that are not subject to the jurisdiction of the power siting board under sections 4906.20 and 4906.201 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Small solar facility" means solar panels and associated facilities with a single interconnection to the electrical grid and designed for, or capable of, operation at an aggregate capacity of less than fifty megawatts.

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of section 303.211 of the Revised Code, sections 303.01 to 303.25 of the Revised Code confer power on a board of county commissioners or board of zoning appeals to adopt zoning regulations governing the location, erection, construction, reconstruction, change, alteration, maintenance, removal, use, or enlargement of any small wind farm or small solar facility, whether publicly or privately owned, or the use of land for that purpose. With regard to a small wind farm, the regulations may be more strict than the regulations prescribed in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of section 4906.20 of the Revised Code.

(C) The designation under this section of a small wind farm or a small solar facility as a public utility for purposes of sections 303.01 to 303.25 of the Revised Code shall not affect the classification of a small wind farm or a small solar facility for purposes of state or local taxation.

(D) Nothing in division (C) of this section shall be construed as affecting the classification of a telecommunications tower as defined in division (B) or (E) of section 303.211 of the Revised Code or any other public utility for purposes of state and local taxation.
