

RESOLUTION 2018-

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PERMANENT OFFSHORE WIND
TURBINES VISIBLE FROM OCEAN CITY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, a Maryland municipal corporation (hereinafter Mayor and Council), having been entrusted with the preservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the beach and waters in and adjacent to Ocean City, Maryland for the benefit of the citizens of Ocean City and visitors therein, and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council have consistently supported the development of responsible clean energy including solar power, waste to energy, and geothermal; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council have demonstrated support for clean energy through the implementation of numerous initiatives including a 100% clean energy supply portfolio, partnership in a new facility that will generate 25% of City Government electricity from a local solar energy plant, and participation in a program that recycles 100% of the solid waste produced in Ocean City into clean energy; and

WHEREAS Ocean City is a certified Maryland Sustainable Community; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council recognize and support the potential for offshore wind power as being a viable source of clean energy when constructed in a responsible manner that respects the natural pristine ocean view that is a cultural treasure for the citizens and visitors of Ocean City; and

WHEREAS two firms have applied to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to construct offshore wind energy facilities within 13 miles off the coast of Ocean City which combined will include over one hundred wind turbines each over six hundred feet tall and lit at night; and

WHEREAS these turbines will be visible from Ocean City beaches and residences and photographic renderings of these facilities show a clear and definitive negative impact to the ocean view; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that these proposed actions represent a significant threat to the economic welfare of the visitors, citizens, and property owners of Ocean City, Maryland who depend upon a clean and attractive natural environment for their livelihood and who would be irreparably harmed by the placement of these structures within visible distance of Ocean City; and

WHEREAS reasonable alternative locations exist east of the Delaware Bay shipping channel where wind turbines could be placed and not be visible from Ocean City.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City is opposed to the construction of any permanent offshore wind turbines visible from Ocean City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Governor of Maryland and our Congressional Representatives.

RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 5th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:

DIANA L. CHAVIS, Clerk

RICHARD W. MEEHAN, Mayor

Approved as to form:

LLOYD MARTIN, President

GUY R. AYRES III, City Solicitor

MARY P. KNIGHT, Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true test copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City on February 5, 2018.

Dated: _____

DIANA L. CHAVIS, Clerk

My Commission Expires: _____