

ORDINANCE NO. O2022CB022

**SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS FOR UNDERGROUND CARBON SEQUESTRATION FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the County of Christian is concerned for the safety of its residents, and the protection of the lands and resources in Christian County.

WHEREAS, the County of Christian has determined that more time is needed to research the emerging industry of Underground Carbon Sequestration that is targeting Christian county as a future site for development ; and

WHEREAS, the County of Christian is authorized, by virtue of 65 ILCS 5/11-13-1, to enact ordinances to protect against issues that may affect public safety natural resources, and property values.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS as follows:

- A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this ordinance to the contrary, a moratorium is hereby placed on the issuance of permits for the development, placement, construction, operation or modification of any Underground Carbon Sequestration Facility for a period of six (6) months from the date of this ordinance unless otherwise extended by the County Board.
- B. During the six (6) month moratorium period, the County will investigate the impact of Underground Carbon Sequestration on the public's health, safety and welfare and determine whether the County should implement an ordinance to impose appropriate regulations and standards for the development, placement, construction, operation and modification of any Underground Carbon Sequestration facility in the County.
- C. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with these provisions are repealed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Christian County, Illinois that, effective immediately, Ordinance O2022CB022 is hereby adopted and enacted.

Passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

Present	Ayes	Nayes	Absent
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Matthew Wells, County Board Chairman

  
Jacque Willison, County Clerk