Council Approves New Rules On Aggressive Panhandlers

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha City Council has approved new rules aimed at aggressive panhandlers and has asked for information that might lead to barring panhan-

dlers from standing in medians. The council voted 7-0 Tuesday for the changes, the Omaha World-Herald reported. They restrict aggressive panhandling, which includes approaching someone several times to ask for money or touching them without consent during the requests. The American Civil Liberties Union had raised concerns about the old panhandling ordinance, which said anyone who wanted to solicit money — other than a religious organization or a charity — had to obtain written permission from the police chief. Police Chief Todd Schmaderer sought changes after officers reported

that aggressive panhan-

problem

dlers had become a growing

been jailed simply for asking for help." The council also asked the Public Works Department to gather information about any safety dangers posed

The ACLU of Nebraska said Tuesday that it was pleased

the council "amended city

ordinances to comport with

the First Amendment and to

extends to all Nebraskans —

including those experiencing

homelessness and who have

ensure the right of free speech

by panhandlers standing in medians and asking motorists for handouts.

When people are stopped at these intersections, there's not much they can do," Deputy Police Chief Dave Baker told the newspaper. "They're more or less a captive audience."

Councilwoman Aimee Melton said Tuesday's changes constituted "Part A, and Part B will be coming later" to address the issue of panhandling from medians.

Deadline Approaching For Historic Preservation Grant PIERRE (AP) — The South

Dakota State Historical Society says the deadline is approach-ing for applications for historic preservation grant funding. Applications for proposals

are due on Feb. 1. Jay Vogt is director of the state Historical Society. He says the Deadwood Fund grant program is meant to spur people or organizations to restore and rehabilitate

historic properties. Grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and require a match. The program is funded through gambling revenue in Deadwood and is put toward

projects across the state. Last year, more than \$120,000 in grant funds went to 11 projects, which totaled nearly \$450,000 of investment after the match.

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25 in favor and 10 against the measure. The commissioners also received written testimony from another two dozen people, with 17 in favor of the measure and seven opposed to it.

The commissioners unanimously approved the first reading that evening. The board approved the second and final reading at its Nov. 3 regular meeting without any amendments.

Article 17 needed to run twice in the weekly newspa-

pers used for the county's legal publications. The ordinance was then subject to a 20-day period in which the measure could be referred to the ballot, which would temporarily block the law from going into effect.

The 20-day period ended this week, and Article 17 became law, Brunken said.

Bon Homme County didn't have any wind energy regulations prior to adding Article 17.

The ordinance carries a number of conditions for wind farms. However, a key provision calls for setbacks of 1,000 feet near residences and 550 feet near property

Prior to giving final approval, the commissioners noted a wind farm could be constructed even with passage of the ordinance, but the county would have some controls. They added the Bon Homme ordinance would follow the state's recommendations and what other counties have used.

Without Article 17, the wind developers would only need a conditional-use permit, the commissioners added.

Opponents argued the ordinance wouldn't go far enough. They supported a larger setback and even an outright ban on wind farms in Bon Homme County.

The commissioners discussed possibly changing the proposed 1,000 feet setback to 1,500 feet. However, they didn't make any amendments before the final reading.
The Bon Homme County

commissioners could alter the new wind energy ordinance at any time, according to Brian McGinnis with the District III Planning and Development office in Yankton.

When it comes to the two recent wind farms, McGinnis told the Press & Dakotan that Bon Homme County is in a different position than its neighbors. Charles Mix County doesn't have zoning, while Hutchinson County

hasn't objected to the wind operations, he added.

The Beethoven operation will be grandfathered under the new Bon Homme County ordinance. Prevailing Winds and any other future wind farms will fall under the new

The Beethoven wind farm can generate up to 80 megawatts of energy. In contrast, the Prevailing Winds farm could generate 200 megawatts of energy, according to Prevailing Winds president

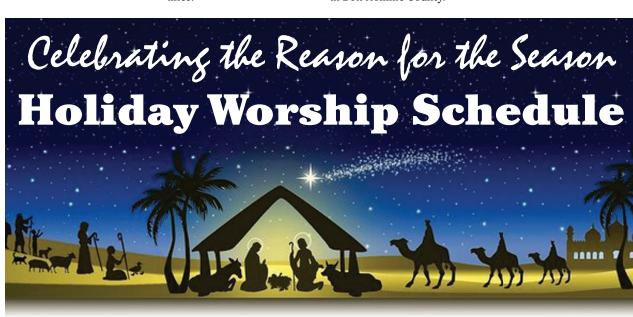
Ronnie Hornstra of Avon. If its production capacity exceeds 100 megawatts, the Prevailing Winds operation would require a siting permit from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC),

according to PUC Chairman Chris Nelson. Once the state permit is approved, the operation would go to the Bon Homme County commissioners for their approval.

Prevailing Winds project manager Roland Jurgens has told the Bon Homme County Commission that the wind operation is prepared to apply for state and county approval, according to news reports.

More information on the PUC's regulation of wind and other forms of energy can be found online at https://puc. sd.gov/.

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Mass 8:30am

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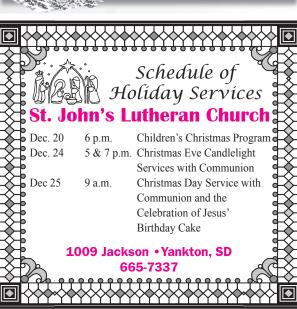


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