

LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2008

TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE, INDEPENDENT VIENNA

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Vienna recognize that the town must take action to:

- 1. Protect its' vital natural resources**
- 2. Its' rural character and way of life**
- 3. Its' agricultural heritage and open spaces**
- 4. Encourage local renewable energy production**

Recent historical events have demonstrated how important safeguarding our water and food sources is and the need to create energy locally through renewable nonpolluting methods, and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Vienna recognize the importance of preserving their water resources. Access to fresh clean drinking water is a fundamental human right and necessity. The Town of Vienna is fortunate to contain within its' borders substantial quantities of safe, clean water. The Town contains numerous DEC regulated wetlands, rivers, streams and ponds as well as large aquifers that must be protected from development and contamination. Watersheds within the Town must be protected and preserved. Water is the economic lifeblood of our community. Local community sources and infrastructure must be developed to meet the current and future needs of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Vienna also recognize the importance of safeguarding our food supply. Agricultural endeavors created and sustained the Town for generations. The Town currently has an abundance of agricultural lands and open spaces. Farming is a way of life for many in the community. The Town of Vienna must take steps to preserve our agricultural heritage and to ensure an abundant supply of fresh locally grown food for it's' residents. Agriculture is the cornerstone of the community and plays a crucial role in the Town's economic viability. The Town must take actions to actively protect valuable agricultural lands and practices and encourage residents to support local farmers, and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Vienna additionally recognize the importance of renewable energy production. Our reliance on foreign and other distant energy sources has crippled our economy and created havoc worldwide. The Town of Vienna has within its' borders an abundance of open spaces. The Town will further investigate the opportunity to develop local renewable sources of energy (i.e. wind, solar, geo-thermal, biomass, etc.) with the goal of fostering independence from foreign sources (and the vulnerable "grid") and protecting the environment, and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Vienna understand that to foster community pride and to create an economically viable and environmentally sustainable community we strive to become independent in the areas of:

1. Fresh water supply and preservation
2. Food resource development
3. Renewable energy production

The goals are achievable with current technologies. Federal governmental agencies, such as the USDA, DOE, DOD, and EPA, have all addressed the vulnerabilities to our current way of life and all recognize the need for change, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vienna will be the leader in fostering a new era of independence that benefits us all. We will be the model for small towns nationwide to emulate. In fostering this independence we will create a stronger sense of community, create a sustainable local economy, and protect our valuable resources for future generations. Never underestimate what a small group of determined individuals can accomplish. Our history is full of just such accomplishments, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, Town of Vienna shall implement measures to protect the people of the Town of Vienna recognize that the town should look at action to protect its vital natural resources, its natural character, way of life, agriculture heritage, open spaces and encourage renewable energy production

Motion By: Councilwoman Nicole Pilcher

Seconded By: Councilman Richard Leos, Sr.

Motion Carried.

Voting Record:

Supervisor Nicol L. Baker	
Councilman H. Richard Collins	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Walter Keeney	<u>AYE</u>
Councilman Richard Leos, Sr.	<u>AYE</u>
Councilwoman Nicole Pilcher	<u>AYE</u>

Dated: July 16th, 2008

Donna Clark, Town Clerk
(SEAL)