

Local Legislators' Perspective: How to Properly Deal with a Proposed Wind Project

1 – Know your legal obligations.

[All States *mandate* that local legislators *must* protect the health, safety and welfare of their community. Where this mandate is found differs in State to State. In some cases this is found in the State Constitution (e.g. in NY), or in others the State Statutes (e.g. NC). It's important to note that local governments have more authority to write wind regulations in [Home Rule](#) States.]

2 – The methodology to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community is to pass a well-written local Wind Ordinance.

[The objective of a local wind ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community — **not** to exclude wind!]

3 – Before writing a local Wind Ordinance, it is strongly advisable that an objective and comprehensive wind energy local economic impact analysis be done.

[Wind developers promote their project based on one-sided claimed community benefits. The only way that local legislators can make an informed decision, is after ALL the financial pros and cons are thoroughly and objectively [analyzed](#). See this [example](#) of what a good NET local economic report looks like.]

4 – Then pass a well-written protective Wind Ordinance.

[Pass the most protective wind ordinance allowed by state statutes. Don't try to reinvent the wheel: good wind laws have already been written. A proper wind law includes [five\(5\) key](#) science-based protective regulations, and each of these also has legal precedents. See [Model Wind Ordinance](#) for suggested words.]