Seneca to consider extension of zoning area

(KMZA)--The Seneca Planning Commission will consider whether the city's extraterritorial zoning area should be extended one mile.

Seneca City Administrator Matt Rehder said the City Council's Planning and Zoning Committee recommended to the full council Wednesday evening that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission.

Following a public hearing, the Planning Commission would then make a recommendation to the City Council.

Rural resident Jim Reitz, concerned that wind turbines could someday be located near his home, asked the council at their July 17 meeting to extend its zoning area from the present two miles surrounding the city limits to three miles—the maximum allowed by state statute. He cited health, safety and declining property value issues.

Reitz said the area surrounding Seneca is seeing growth, including new housing, and a wind turbine complex would stop that.

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