

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Washington Township Board of Supervisors, Dauphin County, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, beginning 7 PM at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 185 Manors Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17023. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the adoption of proposed amendments to Chapter 27 of the Zoning Ordinance, regulating Solar Energy Systems. A full copy of the full text of the proposed amendment is printed below.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, amendments to Chapter 27 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Solar Energy Systems as follows:

SECTION 1

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have adopted this date, the following amendments:

Part 4 Agricultural District, §27-404 Special Exception Uses:

Delete: (F) Principal Solar Energy Systems (PSES) in accordance with regulations in §27-1228.

Part 12 §27-1228 Solar Energy Systems (1) Definitions

ACCESSORY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM (ASES) – An area of land or other area used for a solar collection system used to capture solar energy, convert it to electrical energy or thermal power and supply electrical or thermal power primarily for on-site use. **DELETE FROM DEFINITION:** ~~often referred to as Residential Solar.~~ An accessory solar energy system consists of one (1) or more free-standing ground, or roof mounted solar arrays or modules, or solar related equipment and is intended to primarily reduce on-site consumption of utility power or fuels.

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM - A solar photovoltaic cell, module, or array, or solar hot air or water collector device, which relies upon solar radiation as an energy source for collection, inversion, storage, and distribution of solar energy for electricity generation or transfer of stored heat. **ADD TO DEFINITION:** *Solar Energy Systems are not considered a necessary public utility under this ordinance, even though they may have been interpreted to be defined as such under prior ordinances.*

SECTION 2

All ordinances and parts of Ordinance inconsistent herewith are repealed.

SECTION 3

The Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Donna M. Sitlinger
Secretary

Washington Township, Dauphin County BY:

Benjamin B. Brown, Chairman
Glenn L. Stonerod, Vice Chairman
Cynthia J. Stout, Member
Gerald J. Lettich, Member
Kevin L. Stadheim, Member

Public comment on the proposed amendments can be made in person during the hearing, or in writing on or before the date of the hearing. A regular meeting with the intention to adopt the proposed ordinance will immediately follow the Public Hearing.

Donna Sitlinger
Secretary