

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09

An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Appendix A (Development Standards Ordinance), Article 19 (Renewable Energy Systems), Section 19.5 (Public Notification) For The Planning Department Staff To Conduct The Initial Public Hearings Regarding Solar Energy Systems And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Public Notification process so that the Planning Department staff will conduct the initial public hearings regarding solar energy systems to ensure that all requirements have been met prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, that:

SECTION 1.

Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Appendix A. (Darlington County Development Standards Ordinance), Article 19), Article 19 (Renewable Energy Systems), Section 19.5 (Public Notification) **which currently reads:**

Sec. 19.5. Public notification.

Upon receipt of a completed solar energy system application, the county planning staff shall send by first class mail a notice of the application to all property owners within 1320 feet of the proposed solar energy system/wind farm. The notification shall include projected date of the public hearing (regularly scheduled planning commission meeting) to be held by the planning commission. Public notification includes posting in the local newspaper and mail notice to residents postmarked at least 15 days prior to the public hearing.

Be amended to read:

Sec. 19.5. Public notification.

Upon receipt of a completed solar energy system application, the county planning staff shall send, by first class mail, a notice of the application to all property owners within 1320 feet of the proposed solar energy system/wind farm. The notification shall include projected date of the public hearing to be held by the Planning Department Staff. ~~(regularly scheduled planning commission meeting) to be held by~~

~~the planning commission.~~ Public notification includes posting in the local newspaper and mail notice to residents postmarked at least 15 days prior to the public hearing.

Section 2.

The provision of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances for Darlington County, as an amendment thereto.

Section 3.

Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4.

This ordinance shall become effective upon third reading.

DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Bobby Hudson, Chairman

J. JaNet Bishop
Clerk to Council

FIRST READING: October 4, 2021
SECOND READING: November 1, 2021
THIRD READING: November 1, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING: December 6, 2021