

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA     )  
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COUNTY OF DARLINGTON        )

ORDINANCE NO. 23-18

**An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Appendix A (Development Standards Ordinance), Article 19 (Renewable Energy Systems), Section 19.6 (Solar Energy System/Wind Farm Permitting Process), To Delete The Wattage Designation And Require Approval By South Carolina Public Services Commission Only When Applicable During The Permitting Process For Solar Energy System/Wind Farming And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to delete the wattage designation and require approval by South Carolina Public Services Commission only when applicable during the permitting process for solar energy system/wind farming.

**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 Nineteen (Renewable Energy Systems), Section 19.1. Definitions, *Solar Energy System*, **which currently reads:**

*Solar Energy System.* A series of ground mounted solar collectors placed in an area for generating photovoltaic (PV) power as a commercial enterprise. The minimum size for a solar energy system is one acre. The maximum megawatt output of a solar energy system is 75.

**Be amended to read as follows:**

*Solar Energy System.* A series of ground mounted solar collectors placed in an area for generating photovoltaic (PV) power as a commercial enterprise. The minimum size for a solar energy system is one acre.

**Section 2.**

Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Appendix A. (Darlington County Development Standards Ordinance), Article Nineteen (Renewable Energy Systems), Section 19.6. (Solar Energy System/Wind Farm Permitting Process), item number 9. (If Applicable Approval Letters), **which currently reads:**

9. If Applicable Approval Letters:
- MS4 Approval (mandatory for wind/solar energy system within MS4 district)
  - FAA letter (mandatory for wind/solar energy system within Airport district)
  - Septic systems approved by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control indicating sewer capacity/existing septic tank affidavit
  - South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control letter approving well or Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority approving water tap
  - Receipt of road and stop signage paid (for new roads only)
  - South Carolina Public Services Commission Approval (Nameplate of 75 or more megawatts)

**Be amended to read as follows:**

9. If Applicable Approval Letters:
- MS4 Approval (mandatory for wind/solar energy system within MS4 district)
  - FAA letter (mandatory for wind/solar energy system within Airport district)
  - Septic systems approved by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control indicating sewer capacity/existing septic tank affidavit
  - South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control letter approving well or Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority approving water tap
  - Receipt of road and stop signage paid (for new roads only)
  - South Carolina Public Services Commission Approval (*If applicable*)

**Section 3.**

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

**Section 4.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon third reading.

DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

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J. JaNet Bishop  
Clerk to Council

FIRST READING: November 6, 2023  
SECOND READING: December 4, 2023  
THIRD READING: January 2, 2024  
PUBLIC HEARING: December 4, 2023