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ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 017

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR FARMS

- **WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 1-02 and 1-06 establish that, aside from the Section 1-05 management of Parish government affairs power, the Parish government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following Ordinance establishing regulations and permit requirements for solar farms in St. Landry Parish is hereby enacted and established.

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance article is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of St. Landry Parish by regulating solar farms located within St. Landry Parish.

2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter the following terms shall mean:

- (a) Solar energy: Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.
- (b) Solar energy system: A device or structural design feature intended to provide for collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for heating or cooling, electricity generation, or water heating.
- (c) Solarfarm: The use of land where a series of solar collectors and related equipment and accessories are placed in an area on a parcel of land for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power. A Solar farm shall not be interpreted to mean one or more solar collectors intended to provide electrical power generation for a single residential dwelling or commercial property.

3. Permits and Fees.

- (a) Prior to placing, establishing, expanding, or substantively altering the operation of a solar farm, a permit must be obtained by the developer of the solar farm from St. Landry Parish government. Permits shall be issued only after the plan therefor has been approved as provided for in this section.
- (b) The developer of the solar farm shall submit a Solar Farm Permit Application along with the plans for the proposed solar farm. Each Solar Farm Permit Application will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, drainage study, environmental study, and a traffic plan.
- (c) The Solar Farm Permit Application and site plan shall be reviewed by the Parish Engineer.
- (d) If the Parish Engineer disapproves of the solar farm plan and project, the developer shall be given sixty days to correct the problems cited by the Parish Engineer for rejection of the plan and project, and then the developer may resubmit the permit application to the Parish Engineer for approval. If the Parish Engineer approves of the solar farm plan and project, the developer of the solar farm shall conduct at least one community meeting to provide adjacent landowners and the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project. The community meeting shall be conducted prior to obtaining the permit for the solar farm. Notice of the time and location of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the official journal before the public meeting.
- (e) After the community meeting the Solar Farm Permit Application and site plan shall be presented to the St. Landry Parish Council at a council meeting to approve or deny the solar farm permit.
- (f) If a permit for the solar farm is granted, the developer of the solar farm shall pay a fee of \$1,000.00 to the St. Landry Parish government for a solar farm consisting of 500 acres or less, and for a solar farm consisting of more than 500 acres, the fee shall be \$1000.00 plus an additional \$1.00 for each acre in excess of 500 acres. The applicable permit fee shall be determined by consideration of the entire project, inclusive of buffer zones and access roads.
- (g) A solar farm permit issued under this Chapter may be transferred or assigned, with the assignee being obligated to all requirements of the permit and this Chapter. However, written notice of such transfer or

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assignment shall be made to the St. Landry Parish government and the identity of the new permittee shall be noted in the Parish records.

(h) The issuance of a permit under this ordinance shall serve as the agreement and acknowledgment by the permittee, and its successors and assigns, as well as the property owners, that the St. Landry Parish government shall have standing to enforce any and all provisions and obligations of this ordinance.

(i) A solar farm permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance if construction has not yet commenced on the solar farm.

4. Single or Multiple Tracts.

(a) A solar farm may be operated on a single contiguous tract or multiple contiguous tracts, either with ownership by the developer/applicant, under one or more leases in which the developer/applicant is a lessee, or any combination thereof.

(b) Any solar farm permit issued for a solar farm which relies upon one lease agreement shall become null and void upon the termination of said lease agreement, unless the lease agreement is terminated because the developer/applicant has been conveyed ownership of the property previously subject to the lease. In the case of a solar farm permit issued for a solar farm which relies on more than one lease agreement, if one of the lease agreements is terminated the solar farm permit shall become null and void only to the part of the project or solar farm that is affected by the lease termination by being on the land subject to the lease that was terminated.

5. Traffic Plan.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a traffic plan for the movement of vehicles that will use parish roads during the construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the solar farm.

(b) The plan shall provide for the remediation of any damages occasioned to parish roads during the construction or erection, maintenance, and decommissioning of the solar farm.

6. Drainage Plan.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a drainage plan.

(b) The drainage plan shall include an hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) analysis to establish that the solar farm will not have any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners, or, alternatively, the drainage plan shall establish a plan for remediating any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners that may result from the construction of and the operation of the solar farm. The plan shall also include an ongoing schedule of water sampling and testing of water runoff from the site of the solar farm.

7. Buffer Zones.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include the provision of a buffer zone around the perimeter of the solar farm.

(b) The buffer zone shall include a setback of not less than 150 feet from the center of any adjacent public roadway.

(c) The buffer zone shall include a setback of at least 150 feet from any residence, unless otherwise waived by the homeowner, and 50 feet from any adjacent property line used for residential purposes at the time of the application.

(d) Each buffer zone shall include a stand of trees or shrubbery, between the operational area of the solar farm and the adjacent roadway or property owner, to screen the solar farm from view, the sufficiency of which is subject to review and approval as part of the plan.

(e) The buffer zone shall be maintained in such a manner so as to not present a nuisance as provided for otherwise in the Code of Ordinances.

8. Secured access and Lighting.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a plan for secured limited access to the solar farm by a security fence no less than 6 feet nor no greater than 8 feet in height.

(b) Lighting. To reduce light pollution, lighting for the solar farm shall be limited to the minimum lighting reasonably necessary for its safe operation, and the lighting shall be directed downward where reasonably feasible.

9. Decommissioning.

Decommissioning of the solar farm shall begin no later than 12 months after the solar farm has ceased to operate as a solar farm or collect solar energy. For purposes of this provision, temporary cessation of operations of the solar farm due to circumstances beyond the control of the developer, such as force majeure or commercial decisions by the developer's customers, for a period of less than 12 months would not trigger any decommissioning requirements.

This Ordinance having been introduced on the **20th, day of October, 2021**, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read, and the Ordinance considered, a record vote was taken and the following results were had:

YEAS: 11

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAINED: 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Karen Barlow, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Assistant Clerk for the St. Landry Parish Government, State of Louisiana, and I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Council of the St. Landry Parish Government at a monthly meeting held on the **17th day of November, 2021**, in which a meeting quorum was present.

Witness my official signature and seal of office at Opelousas, St. Landry Parish,

Louisiana, this **17th, day of November 2021**.



KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK
ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT



CHAIRMAN
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