

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 16th day of May, 2023:

| <u>MEMBERS:</u> | <u>VOTE:</u> |
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| Dr. R. Pamela Yeung, Chairman | Yes |
| Thomas C. Coen, Vice Chairman | Yes |
| Tinesha O. Allen | Absent |
| Meg Bohmke | Yes |
| Darrell E. English | Yes |
| Monica L. Gary | Yes |
| Crystal L. Vanuch | Yes |

On motion of Ms. Bohmke, seconded by Mr. Coen, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0, the following was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE “STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2016-2036, 2021 5-YEAR UPDATE,” ADOPTED NOVEMBER 16, 2021, AS LAST REVISED (COMPREHENSIVE PLAN), CHAPTER 2, “THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE,” AND CHAPTER 3, “THE LAND USE PLAN,” REGARDING SOLAR FACILITIES AND ENERGY STORAGE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, solar energy is an emerging industry with growing demand throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, there are common land use issues and potential impacts related to solar facilities and energy storage projects (Solar Facilities) that may be considered by a locality depending on the characteristics of each individual site and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan includes recommendations for utility-scale solar facilities and general goals and recommendations related to the development and location of Solar Facilities, but does not address specific land use guidelines for the evaluation of Solar Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-2229 authorizes the Board to amend the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Comprehensive Plan to establish specific land use guidelines for the evaluation of Solar Facilities pursuant to Exhibit A to this Resolution; and


WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and provided its recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and staff, and the public testimony, if any, received at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that adoption of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments is consistent with good planning practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of May, 2023, that amendments to Chapter 2, "The Foundation for the Future," and Chapter 3, "The Land Use Plan" of the "Stafford County Virginia Comprehensive Plan 2016-2036, 2021 5-Year Update," adopted on November 16, 2021, as last revised, as identified in Exhibit A, be and they hereby are adopted with all other portions of the Comprehensive Plan remaining unchanged.

A Copy, teste:


Randy E. Vosburg
County Administrator

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