



St. James Parish Council

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, on August 3, 2022, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-08 ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN COMMERCIAL SOLAR FACILITIES BY AMENDING SECTION 82-25 OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish government has the right, power and authority to enact ordinances vital to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish has passed a land use ordinance codified in Section 82-25 of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, due to the increase in inquiries regarding the development of Commercial Solar Facilities and the potential for those facilities to impact the long term development of the Parish, care must be taken when considering approval of such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances currently does not fully address the development of Commercial Solar Facilities; and

WHEREAS, before considering the development of Commercial Solar Facilities for approval under the land use ordinance, the St. James Parish Council is in need of additional information to properly evaluate the immediate and long term cumulative benefits and impacts of such facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the St. James Parish Council hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 82-25(o) of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 82-25. Land use plan

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(o) Limitation on Commercial Solar Facilities

1. Pending the completion of an economic and environmental impact study commissioned by St. James Parish regarding the development of solar farms and related facilities on the Parish, Commercial Solar Facilities shall not be considered for recommendation or approval under Sections 82-25(e) or (f).
2. As used in this Section 82-25(o), the term "Commercial Solar Facilities" means power generating facilities constructed on immovable property for the purpose of producing photovoltaic electricity, solar heated fluids, or solar thermal electricity intended for distribution through the power grid. The term shall not include facilities for the production of electricity or other solar power that is produced on or adjacent to the site where it is consumed.
3. This Section 82-25(o) shall remain in force from its effective date and until the later of (a) the date the impact study described in Section 82-25(o)(1) is completed and its findings recommendations acted on by the St. James Parish Council; or (b) March 31, 2023.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage, or as soon thereafter as allowed by law, and shall apply to any then-pending permit or approval for which a final decision has not been rendered by the parish.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex, 2631 Hwy 20 in Vacherie, LA at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

s/Vondra Etienne-Steib
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s/Linda Hubbell
Secretary

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