

**Town of Richmond Ordinance No. 2023-7
Ordinance to Change Zoning
for Commercial Scale Solar Energy Systems**

Whereas the Town of Richmond Planning and Zoning Commission has held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 to consider town adoption of an ordinance to regulate commercial scale solar energy systems;

Whereas the Town of Richmond Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended the approval of the amendments as shown below to the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinance:

Now Therefore the Town Board of the Town of Richmond does hereby ordain to amend the Town of Richmond Zoning, Chapter 17, as follows:

Sec. 17.02 DEFINITIONS shall be amended as follows:

(12a) COMMERCIAL SCALE ENERGY SYSTEM. A Commercial Scale Energy System is a system as defined in Sec. 13.48 (2) (h)1.g of Wis. Statues, that is intended for commercial sale of energy for sale up to 100 MW. This definition is not intended to apply to single residential or commercial systems that are intended to provide energy to the single residential or commercial use on the parcel. Setbacks and requirements under Residential and Commercial Zones in this ordinance do apply to the single residential or commercial systems. Building permits are required for single residential or commercial systems.

Section 17.11 C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT shall be amended as follows:

(2) CONDITIONALS USES. See also Section 17.15 of this chapter.

(i) Commercial scale solar systems

Section 17.13 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT shall be amended as follows:

(2) CONDITIONAL USES. See also Section 17.15 of this chapter.

(bb) Commercial scale solar systems

Sec. 17.15 CONDITIONAL USES. (1) GENERAL USES APPLICABLE TO ONE OR MORE DISTRICTS.


(8) COMMERCIAL SCALE ENERGY SYSTEMS. (i) Applications for conditional use permits for Commercial Scale Energy Systems shall follow the procedure in Sec. 66.401 (4) of Wis. Statutes.

(ii) Commercial scale solar systems are subject to conditions imposed by the recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Commission and established by the town board which satisfy one of the following conditions: (a) Serve to preserve or protect the public health or safety; (b) Do not significantly increase the system cost or decrease the costs and efficiency; (c) Allow for an alternative system of comparable cost and efficiency.

This ordinance shall be effective upon posting as provided by law.

Adopted this ___ 13th ___ day of ___ November, 2023,

By the Town Board of the Town of Richmond, Shawano County.


Town Chairperson

Attested by:

Town Clerk