

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1, SOLAR ORDINANCE

To the residents and property owners of the Township of Garfield, Bay County, Michigan, and all other interested persons:

On Monday, December 12th, 2022, the Township of Garfield (the “Township”) adopted a Solar Ordinance (“Ordinance”). The following is a summary of the Ordinance. A true copy of the Ordinance, including all exhibits, is available for inspection at the Township Hall, 1138 W. Erickson Rd, Linwood, MI 48634 during regular business hours.

Section 1. This section states the purposes and objectives of the Ordinance.

Section 2. This section amends section 7.02 of the Zoning Ordinance to add certain definitions related to solar energy facilities.

Section 3. This section adds a new section 4.57 to the Zoning Ordinance entitled “Solar Energy Facility” to provide comprehensive regulations and application processes for personal scale and utility scale solar energy facilities in the Township.

Section 4. This section amends section 2.05(C) of the Zoning Ordinance to add Utility Scale SEFs as a use permitted by special land use in the Agricultural/Rural Residential zoning district.

Section 5. This section provides that should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. This section provides that any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give the Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 7. This section provides the effective date of the Ordinance.

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