

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2021-18

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE  
ZONING ORDINANCE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND  
(RZ-21-004)**

RECITALS

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board") adopted the Zoning Ordinance for Washington County, Maryland (the "Ordinance") on January 23, 1973, and it became effective on April 2, 1973.

The Washington County Planning Commission filed an application requesting that amendments be made to the text of the Ordinance. The amendments proposed would amend the second paragraph of Section 4.26, Solar Energy Generating Systems.

The Board believes it to be in the best interests of the citizens of Washington County for the amendments to be enacted.

The Washington County Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission") held a public meeting for the purpose of taking comments on the proposed amendments on June 7, 2021, pursuant to public notice duly given.

The Board held a public hearing for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed amendments on August 31, 2021, pursuant to notice duly given.

The Board has considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department staff, and testimony and materials received at the public hearing. The Board conducted this review in a public session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that certain provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, as amended, be further amended and restated as follows:

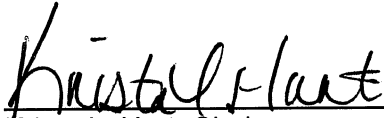
Section 4.26 Solar Energy Generating Systems

*[Paragraph 2]*

SEGS shall be permitted as a land use as specified in Sections 3.3 and 21.42 of this ordinance. However, SEGS shall be prohibited as a use in defined Priority Preservation Areas, Rural Legacy Areas, and Antietam Overlay Areas. In addition, the developer of a SEGS shall, to the degree practicable, avoid disturbing Class 1 & 2 prime agricultural soils outside of designated growth areas.

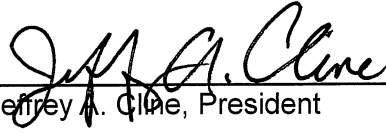
Adopted and effective this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:



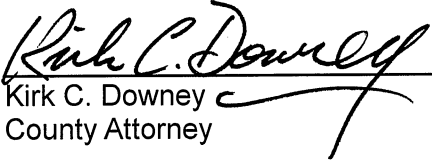
Krista L. Hart, Clerk

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