

LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2020:

AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER SOLAR ORDINANCE

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler as follows:

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE

- A. Solar energy projects have the potential to improve the lives of the citizens of the Town of Schuyler by increasing economic activity, helping the Town reduce its carbon footprint and meet its sustainability goals, and helping fund town operations through additional tax revenues.
- B. Topographical features that make a given parcel suitable for telecommunications towers tend to overlap with those that make one suitable for a large-scale solar energy projects.
- C. Allowing Solar Farms and Solar Power Plants to be permitted in Commercial-Telecommunications Districts will facilitate the development of large-scale solar energy projects within the Town of Schuyler and will not create a danger of causing a dearth of telecommunications infrastructure.

§ 2 - AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER SOLAR ORDINANCE

The introductory clause of Section 2, Solar Siting, Solar Farms and Solar Power Plants, of Local Law # 2 of 2017 (Town of Schuyler Zoning Ordinance), having never previously been amended, is now amended as follows:

~~Solar farms and Solar Power Plants shall be permitted in the RA, PD and CH districts as an “Electric Generating” use subject to site plan review by the Zoning Board of Appeals, subject to the following supplementary regulations:~~

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§ 3 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall become effective upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

§ 4 - AUTHORITY

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law. This Local Law shall supersede the provisions of Town Law to the extent it is inconsistent with the same, and to the extent permitted by the New York State Constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law, or any other applicable statute. The laws of the State of New York shall govern all matters not specifically covered by this article and any conflict shall be resolved in favor of the laws of the State of New York.