



STAFF REPORT  
*Public Hearing 7-20-21*

AGENDA ITEM #: 21-72  
COUNCIL MTG OF: June 15, 2021  
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator  
OFFERED BY: Planning Department  
PREPARED BY: George Sioras, Planning Director  
SUBJECT: Revisions to the Derry Zoning Ordinance

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#### INTRODUCTION:

To amend Article III, General Provisions, to add a new section, Section 165-28.2, Small Business and Residential Solar Energy Systems.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Town Council is urged to consider and support this language to allow property owners to capitalize on the use of solar energy systems, after the July 20, 2021 public hearing.

#### BACKGROUND

In the summer of 2020, the Planning Board received a request from Mary Till and Craig Lazinsky at the direction of the Net Zero Committee. The request was for the Planning Board to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to include a Renewable Energy Ordinance. In July 2020, the Planning Board created a sub-committee to work with members of the Net Zero Committee, Code Enforcement and Planning Departments to craft an ordinance and zoning amendment. The sub-committee worked on the renewable energy ordinance for several months and brought the zoning amendment to the Planning Board and held several workshops and two public hearings.

#### DISCUSSION

The purpose of the amendment is to allow for small business and residential solar energy systems. A building and electrical permit will be required. A licensed NH Master Electrician shall apply for the electrical permit. An inspection by the Code Enforcement Office is required to ensure compliance with electrical and building code provisions.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

NA

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the attached revision to the Derry Zoning Ordinance as unanimously approved by the Planning Board on June 2, 2021.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

*Please see Ordinance #2021-009 for action on July 20, 2021*

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