

ORDINANCE NO. ____

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

An Ordinance to amend Section 11.09 Special Development Standards for Solar Energy Systems of the Saline Township Zoning Ordinance to (1) increase the required setback for utility grade solar energy systems (2) add a requirement that utility grade solar energy systems be screened from agriculturally zoned or used land and (3) add subsection h requiring perimeter fencing.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SALINE, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment to Article 11, Special Development Standards, Section 11.09 Solar Energy Systems to increase setbacks.

Section 11.09.D.2.a. of Article 11, Special Development Standards, Section 11.09 Solar Energy Systems, is amended to increase the required setbacks for ground mounted Utility Scale SES from 100 feet to 600 feet.

Section 2. Amendment to Article 11, Special Development Standards, Section 11.09 Solar Energy Systems to require screening adjacent to agriculturally zoned or used land.

Section 11.09.D.2.g. of Article 11, Special Development Standards, Section 11.09 Solar Energy Systems, is amended to read as follows:

Screening. Where a utility-scale SES is located adjacent to a agriculturally or residentially zoned or used lot, side and rear yard screening may be required as determined by the Planning Commission to address specific site needs at the time of site plan review. Solar panels shall be placed such that concentrated radiation or solar glare shall not be directed onto nearby properties or roadways. When deemed appropriate, the Planning Commission may require a report from a registered civil engineer or other professional to address this issue.

Section 3. Amendment to Article 11, Special Development Standards, Section 11.09 Solar Energy Systems to add subsection h. requiring perimeter fencing.

Section 11.09.D.2. of Article 11, Special Development Standards, Section 11.09 Solar Energy Systems, is amended by adding subsection h. to read as follows:

h. **Fencing.** All ground mounted solar equipment, including but not limited to solar panels and ancillary solar equipment such as, but not limited to, water tanks, supports, batteries, transformers and plumbing, shall be enclosed by a fence having a minimum height of

six (6) feet. The fence shall be located inside of any required screening.

Section 4. Saving Provision.

All provisions of the Saline Township Zoning Ordinance not amended by the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Repeal.

All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its publication (or publication of a summary thereof) in a newspaper in general circulation within Saline Township.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Ordinance declared adopted on _____, 2021.

James Marion
Supervisor, Saline Township

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION

I, Kelly Marion, the duly elected Clerk of Saline Township certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true and correct copy of the ordinance enacted by the Township Board of Saline Township on _____, 2018 and published in _____ a newspaper circulated in Saline Township on _____

_____, 2018.

Kelly Marion

Clerk, Saline Township