

PUBLIC HEARING AND ENACTMENT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington, Berks County, Pennsylvania, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 27, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Township of Washington Municipal Building, 120 Barto Road, Barto, Pennsylvania 19504 for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Township of Washington Zoning Ordinance of 1982, as amended (the "Zoning Ordinance"). The Board of Supervisors will consider enactment of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at its meeting immediately following the hearing. A summary of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CHAPTER 131, TITLED "ZONING ORDINANCE," AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON BY ADDING TO ARTICLE II, TITLED "DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE," SECTION 131-7, TITLED "DEFINITIONS," DEFINITIONS OF "ACCESSORY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM," "AGROVOLTAICS," "GLARE," "PRINCIPAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM," "SOLAR ARRAY," "SOLAR ENERGY," AND "SOLAR PANELS"; AMENDING ARTICLE XV, TITLED "SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS," SECTION 131-70, TITLED "ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES," SUBSECTION G, TITLED "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS," AS FOLLOWS: TO AMEND PARAGRAPH 1, TITLED "PURPOSE" TO CLARIFY THAT SUBSECTION "G" APPLIES TO "ACCESSORY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS"; TO AMEND PARAGRAPH 2, TITLED "APPLICABLE ZONING DISTRICTS," TO PROVIDE THAT ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS ARE PERMITTED AS AN ACCESSORY USE WITHIN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE TOWNSHIP EXCEPT OVERLAY DISTRICTS HAVING THE EFFECT OF RESTRICTING SUCH SYSTEMS; TO AMEND PARAGRAPH 3, TITLED "CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS," SUBPARAGRAPH (c), TITLED "ABANDONMENT," TO STATE OWNER OBLIGATIONS AND TOWNSHIP REMEDIES FOR ABANDONMENT OF AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEM, TO AMEND SUBPARAGRAPH (d), TITLED "LIMITATION," TO PROVIDE THAT POWER GENERATED BY AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEM SHALL BE PRIMARILY FOR THE USE ON THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEM IS LOCATED, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE PARAGRAPH 4, TITLED "CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ACCESSORY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS" TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC STANDARDS AND REGULATE ACCESSORY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; TO ADD AS NEW ARTICLE XXV, BE TITLED "PRINCIPAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS" TO PERMIT PRINCIPAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE FOLLOWING ZONING DISTRICTS: C-COMMERCIAL, LI-LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, GI-GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, Q-QUARRY, AND A-AGRICULTURE, TO PROVIDE FOR CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO PRINCIPAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS; TO SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR: DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS, SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND INSPECTIONS; DECOMMISSIONING; AGROVOLTAICS, EASEMENTS, ZONING PERMIT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE

A copy of the full text of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof at the Township of Washington Municipal Building, 120 Barto Road, Barto, Pennsylvania 19504 and the Berks

County Law Library, Berks County Courthouse, 10th Floor, 633 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania 19601.

If you require special accommodation to attend the public hearing, please contact the Township at 610-845-7760. The Township will make every reasonable effort to accommodate you.

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