

ORDINANCE NO. 1051

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW ARTICLE 8 “SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS”, SECTION 8.11 “SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS” OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Approval of Amendment to Zoning Ordinance. On October 13, 2020, the Springfield Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the matter of adding a new Section 8.11 of the zoning ordinance adding regulations for Solar Energy Systems and reported a recommendation of approval to the City Council. On October 20, 2020, the City Council held a public hearing on said proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance and found and determined that said proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance is advisable, in the best interests of the City, and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The City Council further found and determined that public hearings were duly held and notices given. Therefore, the City Council hereby approves said proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance as set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance. Pursuant to Section 11.01 of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Section 8.11 is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Section 8.11 Solar Energy Systems

8.11.01 Purpose: This section is intended to promote the compatible use of for off-site energy consumption solar energy systems.

8.11.02 Standards: Solar Energy Systems (SES) are permitted as an accessory use in any base zoning district, unless specifically noted, and subject to the regulations contained within this section.

8.11.03 Height

- a. SES shall comply with the maximum height of the base district, except that, for solar retrofit installation, solar energy collectors, storage tanks and equipment, roof ponds, or other solar equipment may exceed the maximum height of the base district by three feet.

8.11.04 Setbacks and Screening

- a. SES shall comply with the minimum setbacks of the base district except that, for solar retrofit installation, solar energy collectors, storage tanks and equipment, roof ponds, or other solar equipment may extend into any setback of the base district by three feet.
- b. For purposes of rooftop mechanical equipment screening, SES shall not be considered rooftop mechanical equipment.

8.11.05 Decommissioning

- a. The property owner shall have six (6) months to complete decommissioning of the SES if no electricity is generated for a continuous period of twelve (12) months. Decommissioning shall include removal of solar energy collectors, storage tanks and equipment, roof ponds, or other solar equipment associated with SES.

Section 3. Repeal Ordinances in Conflict. All other ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest:

City Clerk