



Legislation Text

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SolSmart Designation
Council Member Komives

Submitting to the Toledo City Plan Commission a request for a review of the current municipal planning and zoning code as related to the use of solar energy and its components; authorizing a public hearing on any proposed text amendments which may result from the review; publication of said hearing; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

WHEREAS, SolSmart is a national designation and no-cost technical assistance program designed to help local governments make it faster, easier, and more affordable for residents and businesses to “go solar;” and

WHEREAS, SolSmart National Designations recognize communities taking key steps in addressing local barriers to solar energy in land use, permitting, inspection and zoning processes; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in the SolSmart National Designation program to support local efforts to utilize solar energy; and

WHEREAS, the national designations, which are given in Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum tiers, are earned through a point system based upon completion of certain prerequisites by local governments, beginning with a review of the municipal planning, land use and zoning code; and

WHEREAS, to initiate the process for the City of Toledo for a Bronze Designation, SolSmart has done a preliminary analysis of the City’s planning and zoning code to assist the City’s plan commission with its own review.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Toledo City Plan Commission is requested to conduct a review of zoning and land use requirements to identify restrictions that intentionally or unintentionally prohibit solar development and publish a staff report with the findings and proposed text amendments, if any.

SECTION 2. That upon completion of its review and staff report, the Toledo City Plan Commission shall set an appropriate hearing date on the subject to be held in the Council Chambers at One Government Center and the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of the time and place of said hearing in the manner required by the law.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution hereby is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its adoption. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property; and for the further reason that this Resolution must be immediately effective so that the request for review of the planning and zoning code may be expeditiously forwarded to the Toledo City Plan Commission.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 10, nays 0.

Adopted: June 5, 2024, as an emergency measure: yeas 10, nays 0.

Attest:

Julie A. Gibbons
Clerk of Council

Carrie Hartman
President of Council

Approved:

June 10, 2024
Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor