

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2021-20

AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO BILL NO. 2021-13

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance –  
Solar Related – Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To specify signage requirements

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

Amendment No. 1 (originally No. 5)

On Page 5, line 96, insert the following:

“6. The only signage permitted shall be no larger than six (6) square feet, which shall identify the solar facility operator and contact phone numbers. Signage shall be posted at each entrance and exit of the property at no less than two locations.”

Amendment 1

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
                                  To reject

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

TO BILL NO. 2021-13

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance –  
Solar Related – Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To require design of facility to minimize noise by centralizing hookups.

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On Page 5, line 96, insert the following:

“7. Designs for hookup to the power grid, transformers, and inverters should be in proximity to utility pole and located near the center of the facility to minimize noise.”

Amendment 2

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
                                  To reject

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

TO BILL NO. 2021-13

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance –  
Solar Related – Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To specify that facilities permitted are limited to 2 MW

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On page 5, line 96, insert the following:

“8. Community based solar facilities shall have a generating capacity that does not exceed two megawatts (2MW), as measured by the alternating current rating of the system’s inverter.”

Amendment 3

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
                                  To reject

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

TO BILL NO. 2021-13

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To include operator and landowner to be responsible for decommissioning solar facility.

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On Page 5, line 97 insert “operator, and landowner” after “The applicant,”) )

Amendment 4

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
                                  To reject

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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AMENDMENT NO. 5

TO BILL NO. 2021-13

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To give County right to enter solar facility if not operational.

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On Page 6, line 103, insert the following:

“c. The owner and/or operator agree to allow entry to remove an abandoned, discontinued, or decommissioned community based or utility solar facility.”

Amendment 5

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment: To approve

To reject

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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AMENDMENT NO. 6

TO BILL NO. 2021-13

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To indicate that solar facilities will have same reassessment of property as other real estate properties in Maryland.

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On Page 7, line 140, insert the following:

“c. Community based or utility solar facilities should be reassessed for taxation purposes every three years.”

Amendment 6

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
                                  To reject

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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**AMENDMENT NO. 7**

**TO BILL NO. 2021-13**

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To require security fence as specified.

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On page 7, line 140, insert the following:

- “11. Solar facilities shall be enclosed by a security fence that is located between the landscape buffer and the facility. The fence must be a minimum height of six (6) feet and suitable to prevent unauthorized access.
- a. The fence shall be constructed to meet any applicable State or Federal regulations and address the physical security of power system facilities.
  - b. Fencing shall be designed and installed to allow for the passage of small wildlife.
  - c. The fence shall not be used to display any signage except, as required by law.”

Amendment 7

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
                                  To reject

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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**AMENDMENT NO. 8**

**TO BILL NO. 2021-13**

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To state the County’s commitment to agricultural and preservation of rural life.

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On page 7, line 140, insert the following:

“12. The conservation of agriculture is very important to maintain a more rural lifestyle,  
And the preservation of scenic views as a quality of life issue.

Amendment 8

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
                                  To reject



**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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**AMENDMENT NO. 9**

**TO BILL NO. 2021-13**

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To require solar facilities to be located on a minimum of 50 acres parcels and allow contiguous parcels under certain conditions.

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On page 7, line 142, insert the following after “The minimum parcel size shall be 50 acres”:  
“Two (2) or more contiguous parcels may be used in cases where the parcels are in the  
Same ownership under one deed.”

Amendment 9

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
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**AMENDMENT NO. 10**

**TO BILL NO. 2021-13**

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To prohibit locating solar facilities on class one soil.

**Introduced by:** Council Member Miller

On page 7, line 146, insert the following:

- “c. Soil Requirements
  - i. All Community based and Utility solar facilities shall not be permitted on class one soils in order to preserve the loss of prime agricultural soils.”

Amendment 10

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
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**AMENDMENT NO. 11**

**TO BILL NO. 2021-13**

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To require solar facilities to submit results of yearly soil testing.

**Introduced by:** Councilman Miller

On page 7, line 146, insert the following:

- “ii. The landowner or operator shall provide yearly certified soil test results that occur between October 1 and December 1, prior to construction of the solar facility and every year thereafter to the Division of Planning and Zoning by December 31 of each year at the expense of the operator or landowner. It will be presumed that the solar facility is discontinued or abandoned if the test results are not submitted.”

Amendment 11

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
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AMENDMENT NO. 12

TO BILL NO. 2021-13

**Title:** Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related –  
Definitions, Permissible Uses and Power Generation Facilities

**Synopsis:** To require solar facilities to return soil to original conditions before County will release bonds and/or surety.

**Introduced by:** Council Members on behalf of Planning Commission

On Page 7, line 146, insert the following:

“iii. Prior to the release of any bonding and financial surety, a certification must be submitted verifying that soil conditions have been returned to their pre-construction condition.”

Amendment 12

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on amendment:    To approve  
   To reject