

**GOSHEN TOWNSHIP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS  
ORDINANCE 25-8**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GOSHEN, CLEARFIELD COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA CREATING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR ENERGY  
SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Goshen intends that solar energy systems be located within the township;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Ordinance is to set forth certain setback requirements for solar energy systems, as well as bonding requirements, and termination proceedings.

**IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Goshen Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**SECTION 1-DEFINITIONS**

**SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM:** An area of land or other area used for a solar collection system, principally used to capture solar energy, convert it to electrical energy or thermal power, and supply electrical or thermal power primarily for off-site use. Principal solar energy systems consist of one (1) or more free-standing ground or roof-mounted solar collector devices, solar-related equipment, and other accessory structures and buildings, including light reflectors, concentrators, and heat exchangers, substations, electrical infrastructure, transmission lines, and other appurtenant structures.

**SOLAR ENERGY:** Radiant energy (direct, diffuse, and/or reflective) received from the sun.

**SOLAR PANEL:** That part or portion of a solar energy system containing one or more receptive cells or modules, the purpose of which is to convert solar energy for use in space heating or cooling, for water heating, and/or for electricity.

**SECTION 2 - SET-BACK**

- A. Any Solar Energy System being operated for profit shall have a minimum setback from neighboring property lines of five hundred feet.

### **SECTION 3 - SCREENING**

- A. Any Solar Energy System being operated either privately or for profit shall use artificial or natural screening to block the view of the Solar Energy System from neighboring properties.

### **SECTION 4 - Bonding**

Before any Solar Energy System is installed, erected, constructed, or otherwise operated, the owner of the Solar Energy System shall be required to deposit with the Township of Goshen a security bond in the amount five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

### **SECTION 5 - Termination**

If at any time, a Solar Energy System shall stop operations, the Owner of the Solar Energy System shall be required to remove all equipment used in the operation of the Solar Energy System and shall return the property upon which the Solar Energy System is located to the same condition that was present immediately prior to installation of the Solar Energy System. Upon satisfaction of this provision, the Township of Goshen shall return the five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) held as bond to the owner of the Solar Energy System. If the Solar Energy System stops operations and a period of six months shall pass from the last day of operations, the five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) held as a bond shall be forfeited to the Township of Goshen.

### **SECTION 7 - Violations and Penalties.**

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this chapter, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before Magisterial District Judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this chapter continues or each section of this chapter which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

### CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of Goshen Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania does hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the majority vote of the Board of Supervisors of Goshen Township, at a duly advertised, called and held public meeting of said Supervisors, which meeting was held at 7 o'clock pm prevailing time on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, at the Township Building in Goshen Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

CERTIFIED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August

Wanda Rougeux

Wanda J. Rougeux, Secretary/ Treasurer

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2025.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF GOSHEN

Wanda J. Rayner

BY: James R. Sankey  
Chairman, Goshen Township  
Board of Supervisors

BY: Daniel J. Kayser  
Supervisor

BY: John W. Taylor  
Supervisor