

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and the Tazewell County Planning Commission of Tazewell County, Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing on January 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at Nuckolls Hall, located at the Tazewell County Fairgrounds, addressed as 134 Saddlebred Lane, Tazewell, Virginia 24651, and hereby gives its intent to adopt the *Tazewell County, Virginia Ordinance Pertaining to Solar Energy Facilities*.

The development of sources of renewable energy, including solar energy, is an important strategic objective for Tazewell County, Virginia in the twenty-first (21st) century. The Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and the Tazewell County Planning Commission must balance protectionism and conservationism of Tazewell County, Virginia's natural scenic beauty and watersheds with the development of sources of renewable energy. Pursuant to Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2288.7 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and the Tazewell County Planning Commission desire to outline a framework to provide for and regulate the siting, development, construction, installation, operation, and decommissioning of solar energy facilities in Tazewell County, Virginia, while doing so in a manner that protects the health, safety, and welfare of Tazewell County residents.

All persons wishing to comment on the *Ordinance* are hereby invited to attend and state their views thereon. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, please contact the County Administrator's Office by telephone at (276) 385-1208, by facsimile at (276) 988-4246, or by email at susan.jewell@tazewellcounty.org. A notification of five (5) working days before the meeting will enable the County Administrator's Office to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

A complete copy of the *Ordinance* is posted on the Tazewell County Circuit Court's bulletin board on the second floor of the Tazewell County Courthouse, located at 135 Court Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651. A complete copy of the *Ordinance* is also on file in the office of the County Administrator, located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651. A complete copy of the *Ordinance* may also be found online at <http://www.tazewellcountyva.org>.

By Order of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors
By Order of the Tazewell County Planning Commission
C. Eric Young, Tazewell County Administrator