

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY
MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF
APPLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTOR
SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS REGULATED BY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
FLUSHING SOLAR ENERGY ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Flushing enacted the Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Provisions in order to establish legal guidelines for the potential installation of Commercial Solar Energy Collector Systems (colloquially referred to as “solar farms”); and

WHEREAS, those Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Provisions mandate that “the total area of ground-mounted solar energy collections...shall not exceed a maximum lot coverage of 25 percent...”; and

WHEREAS, there is a potential ambiguity in the language of the Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Provisions regarding lot coverage which has caused confusion and concern among the community and which would benefit from review by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance and processing of new applications under the Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Provisions during the period of review of the language in question would cause unnecessary confusion for the Charter Township and for applicants;

WHEREAS, the Township adopted an ordinance to enact an emergency temporary moratorium on acceptance and processing of applications for commercial solar energy collector system installations that expires after 90 days of adoption;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has been presented with a Petition seeking an amendment to the zoning ordinance section regarding commercial solar collectors;

WHEREAS, it is unknown what, if anything the Planning Commission will do or how long it will take which could cause unnecessary confusion for the Charter Township applicants and necessitates a longer temporary moratorium;

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING HEREBY ORDAINS:

1. A moratorium is immediately placed on the submission, review, and issuance of applications for commercial solar energy collector system installations.
2. The moratorium shall be in effect for 180 days from the date of this ordinance’s enactment unless terminated earlier or extended by appropriate action of the Charter Township of Flushing Board of Trustees.
3. This moratorium shall apply to any pending application or any application that is submitted subsequent to the enactment date of this Ordinance.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THE ORDINANCE IS DECLARED: _____ ADOPTED or _____ NOT ADOPTED

Passed and approved by the Charter Township of Flushing Board of Trustees, on the ____ day of August, 2022.

Frederick Thorsby
Flushing Township Supervisor

Dated: _____

Wendy Meinburg
Flushing Township Clerk

Dated: _____