

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 13, 2021 the County Commissioners of Carroll County adopted Ordinance No. 2021-04 after receiving comments at a public hearing held on Thursday, April 29, 2021. Ordinance No. 2021-04 amends the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County by expanding opportunities for development of community solar energy generating systems on existing remaining portions of five acres or greater in size in the Agricultural zoning district as of July 1, 2020, and are intended to increase access to solar energy, particularly for residents and small businesses. As adopted, **1)** applicants are required to convey to the County a permanent easement on the portion of the remaining portion not under solar development upon installation of a solar facility, where the acreage of land not set aside for solar development is 5 acres or greater; **2)** a site plan must be submitted for review and approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission; **3)** co-location with certain agricultural uses is required; **4)** a landscaped buffer is required; and **5)** a plan is required for eventual abandonment and decommissioning of the equipment/facilities.

To request that a copy of Ordinance No. 2021-04 be emailed or sent through the regular mail, please leave a voice mail message at 410-386-2030 or send an email to PIARequests@carrollcountymd.gov. The ordinance will also be available on the County's website (<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/land-resource-management/zoning-administration/community-solar-zoning-text-amendment/>).

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND