

**ORDINANCE**  
**ADDING NEW DEFINITIONS**  
**SECTION 17-201**  
**OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**  
**OF**  
**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

That Section 17-201, Definitions generally, be and hereby is amended as follows:

Chapter 17. Zoning, Article II. Definitions of Terms, Section 17-201. Definitions generally

**ADD** alphabetically)

***Solar energy facility, large.*** An energy conversion system consisting of photovoltaic panels, support structures, and associated control, conversion, and transmission hardware occupying one-half acre or more of total land area. Also known as solar energy systems, solar energy arrays, or solar energy farms.

***Solar energy facility, small.*** An energy conversion system consisting of photovoltaic panels, support structures, and associated control, conversion, and transmission hardware occupying less than one-half acre of total land area.

This ordinance shall be effective from the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_.

Adopted the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Supervisor Cuevas				
Supervisor Eberly				
Supervisor Chandler				
Supervisor Kyger				
Supervisor Breeden				

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTESTE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVAL**

**January 12, 2016**

After a request was made by Dominion Power for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow Solar Energy in the County, a committee was formed that included both Dominion and SVEC as well as JMU, EMU, private citizens and several other companies along with staff to review and draft an ordinance. After meeting and coming up with ideas, a draft ordinance was prepared and has been reviewed by all persons involved with the committee. This is the final draft to come out of that work.

As solar energy becomes more popular, it is the intent of the County to stay in the forefront on this. With the help of the committee to prepare an ordinance that addresses solar energy on both a large scale and small scale, staff is of the opinion that we are prepared for solar energy in Rockingham County.

Staff recommends approval.