

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-___, SECOND SERIES
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CITY CODE
 REGARDING DEFINITIONS AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS
 CITY OF PEQUOT LAKES
 COUNTY OF CROW WING
 STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The City Council of the City of Pequot Lakes does ordain as follows:

Purpose and Intent: The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 17 of the Pequot Lakes City Code regarding Definitions and Solar Energy Systems.

Amendment: Chapter 17, Article 3.2 shall be amended as follows:

Solar Energy System. A device or structural design feature, a substantial purpose of which is to provide daylight for interior lighting or provide for the collection, storage and distribution of solar energy for space heating or cooling, electricity generating, or water heating.

Solar Energy System, Ground Mounted. A solar energy system that is installed onto the ground directly or by means of brackets or poles.

Solar Energy System, Roof Mounted. A solar energy system mounted to the roof of a dwelling or other building. **OR**

Solar Collector Systems, Roof Mounted. Any of several devices, including ballast systems, mounted on the roof of a principal or accessory structure that absorbs and accumulates solar radiation for use as a source of energy.

Amendment: Chapter 17, Article 5.17 shall be amended as follows:

Section 17-5.17 LAND USE MATRIX

Amendment: The following changes shall be made to the Land Use Matrix:

A – allowed w/o a permit; P – permitted, C – conditional use; I – interim use; AC - accessory use, E – excluded.

<u>USE</u>	<u>OS</u>	<u>FM</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>WR</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>RR</u>	<u>DMU</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>UR</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PD</u>
<u>Solar Energy System, Ground Mounted</u>	C	C	P	E	C	C	C	E	C	C	P	E	P	P	E

Solar Energy System, Roof Mounted	C	A	A	E	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	E
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Amendment: Chapter 17, Article 7.15 shall be amended as follows:

Section 17-7.15 Solar Energy Systems

1. Height. Solar energy systems must meet the following height requirements:
 - A. Roof-mounted solar energy systems shall not exceed the maximum allowed height in any zoning district.
 - B. Ground-mounted solar energy systems shall not exceed 20 feet in height when oriented at maximum tilt.

2. Location and Setbacks. Solar energy systems must meet the accessory structure setback for the zoning district on which the system is located.
 - A. Roof-mounted Solar Energy Systems. In addition to the building setback, the collector surface and mounting devices for roof-mounted solar energy systems shall not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted or built, unless the collector and mounting system has been explicitly engineered to safely extend beyond the edge, and setback standards are not violated. Exterior piping for solar hot water systems shall be allowed to extend beyond the perimeter of the building on a side yard exposure.
 - B. Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems – Ground-mounted solar energy systems may not extend into the side-yard or rear setback when oriented at minimum design tilt.

3. Visibility. Solar energy systems shall be designed to blend into the architecture of the building or be screened from routine view from public right-of-ways other than alleys.

Effective Date: This ordinance amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and publication according to state law.

Repeal: This ordinance shall repeal all ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Passed by the Pequot Lakes City Council this ___ day of February, 2020.

James Tayloe

ATTEST:

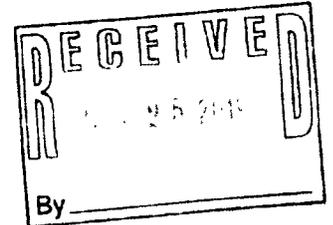
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November 22, 2019

City of Pequot Lakes
C/O Dawn Bittner, Zoning Specialist
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Subject: Code Amendment Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter and the \$250.00 application fee requesting that the City of Pequot Lakes amend its Code to permit ground mounted solar.

The basis for this request is me acting as the Owner's Representative on behalf of Jerry and Lois Akerson, the landowners, who wish to have a ground mounted solar garden built on their Property. We are working in partnership with the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance and Real Solar on the project.

Any questions or concerns can be addressed to me personally. I can be reached via email at curtj@denalicompanies.com or my cell at 218-831-1776. Correspondence can be mailed to Curt Johnson, PO Box 149, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472.

I look forward to hearing from you. The project team is happy to assist in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Johnson".

Curt Johnson



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January 3, 2020

Curt Johnson
PO Box 149
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

RE: Ordinance Amendment to allow Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Public Hearing for the above-captioned Ordinance Amendment will be held January 16, 2020 beginning at 6:00 PM. This Public Hearing is the second item on the Agenda. Copies of the Staff Report regarding this application will be available at City Hall or online at www.pequotlakes-mn.gov one week prior to the hearing date.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 218-568-6699 or at dbittner@pequotlakes-mn.gov.

Sincerely,

Dawn Bittner
Zoning Specialist