

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-21**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS TO CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 10 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Morton Municipal Code was adopted on March 2, 1970, and duly published in book form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan Commission has held a public hearing and has recommended certain amendments to the existing ordinance provisions regarding solar energy systems to clarify the application submittals and the installation requirements

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON**, Tazewell County, Illinois, that Section 10-4-16(c)(5) of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 10-4-16: SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

- (C) Permitted Ground Mount and Roof Mount SES: Ground Mount SES shall be permitted as an accessory use in all zoning districts where there is a principal structure. Roof Mount SES shall be a permitted use in all zoning districts and shall only be located on a principal structure only. A building permit shall be required to construct a ground mount or roof mount SES. The following additional information shall be provided with the building permit application to demonstrate compliance with the following restrictions:

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5. Safety:

(a) Roof or building mounted solar energy systems, excluding building integrated systems, shall allow for adequate roof access for firefighting purposes to the south facing or flat roof upon which the panels are mounted.

(b) Roof or building mounted solar energy systems shall meet the requirements of the Morton Municipal Code regarding building regulations.

(c) ~~All solar energy system installations shall be performed by a qualified solar installer.~~ Plans bearing the seal of a state licensed structural engineer shall be required for all roof mounted solar energy systems.

(d) Any connection to the public utility grid shall be inspected by the appropriate public utility.

(e) All solar energy systems shall be maintained and kept in good working order. If it is determined that a solar energy system is not being maintained, kept in good working order, or is no longer being utilized to perform its intended use for 6 consecutive months, the property owner shall be given 30-day notice for removal or repair of the unit and all equipment. It shall be a violation of this ordinance if the solar energy system is not removed or repaired within thirty (30) days, ~~then a notice of violation and a notice to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals as an ordinance violation.~~

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as may be required by law.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any section or part of this Ordinance is held invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton this 2nd day of December, 2019; and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

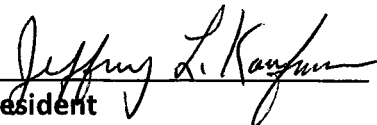
**AYES:** Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Newman, Parrott

**NAYS:**


**ABSENT:** Menold

**ABSTAINING:**

**APPROVED** this 2nd day of December, 2019.

  
President

**ATTEST:**

  
Village Clerk

