

# KENDALL COUNTY ZONING AND PLATTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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# **AGENDA**

April 3, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

<u>ROLL CALL:</u> County Board: Robert Davidson, PBZ Committee Chair; County Highway Department: Fran Klaas, County Engineer; Wills Burke Kelsey: Greg Chismark, Stormwater Consultant; County Health Department: Aaron Rybski, Director Environmental Health; Forest Preserve District: David Guritz, Director; SWCD: Megan Andrews, Resource Conservationist; Sheriff's Office: Commander Jason Langston; GIS: Don Clayton; PBZ: Brian Holdiman, Code Official; Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the March 6, 2018 ZPAC Meeting Minutes. (Pages 2-3)

#### **PETITIONS:**

1. 18 – 13 – Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee (Pages 4-35)

Request: Text Amendments to Sections 3.02, 4.18, 7.01.D, 8.02.C, 8.03.H.1, 8.09.B, 9.02.C, 9.03.C,

9.04.C, 9.05.C, 9.06.F, 9.07.C, and 10.03.B of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance by

Amending Kendall County's Solar Panel Zoning Regulations

Purpose: Text Amendment Defines Types of Solar Panel Usage and Solar Panel Equipment, Amends

the Zoning Regulations for Accessory Use of Solar Panels, and Adds Requirements for Solar

Gardens and Solar Farms.

#### REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD

1. Petition 17-33 – Transferring Certain Powers and Duties of the Hearing Officer to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

# OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS

None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

#### ADJOURNMENT- Next meeting on May 1, 2018

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# ZONING, PLATTING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ZPAC) March 6, 2018 – Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Senior Planner Matt Asselmeier called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### Present:

Aaron Rybski – Health Department
Sgt. Ray Eberhardt – Sheriff's Department
Don Clayton – GIS
Fran Klaas – Highway Department
Pam Herber – PBZ Department
Matt Asselmeier – PBZ Department

#### Absent:

Greg Chismark – WBK Engineering, LLC
David Guritz – Forest Preserve
Megan Andrews – Soil and Water Conservation District
Robert Davidson – PBZ Committee Chair

#### Audience:

Dan Kramer representing Keith and Kathleen Warpinski

#### **AGENDA**

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clayton, to approve the agenda as proposed. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

#### **MINUTES**

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, to approve the February 6, 2018 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

#### **PETITIONS**

# <u>Petition 18-05 Keith and Kathleen Warpinski – Map Amendment Rezoning the Subject Property from A-1 to R-1;</u> <u>Property is Located on the North Side of Walker Road Approximately 0.31 Miles East of Route 47 (PIN: 05-21-400-011) in Kendall Township</u>

Attorney Dan Kramer summarized the request. The property is slightly over six (6) acres. There are approximately six (6) homes around the property. All of the adjoining properties are zoned A-1. Mr. Kramer noted that his client was open to an A-1 Conditional Use Permit for a house, but chose the map amendment route because of the stricter publication requirements. Mr. Kramer noted that property owner was open to dedicating land for a trail on both the north and south sides of the property. Mr. Kramer also noted that the property was subject to a special use request in 2017 for a landscaping business; this proposal was withdrawn. The property does not have prospective buyer at this time. Mr. Kramer reported that the Kendall Township Planning Commission and Kendall Township Board issued negative recommendations.

- Mr. Klaas requested that page 5 of the report be corrected to show Walker Road as a township road.
- Mr. Klaas asked about the pipeline easement. Mr. Kramer responded that the pipeline easement remains active.
- Mr. Rybski noted that an alternative sewer system will be required at the time of development because of soil issues.
- Mr. Klaas asked, if the proposal is approved, could a landscape business go on the site. The answer to this question was no.

Mr. Rybski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klaas, to recommend approval of the proposal.

Ayes (6): Klaas, Eberhardt, Rybski, Clayton, Herber, and Asselmeier

Nays (0): None

Absent: (4) Guritz, Andrews, Davidson, and Chismark

The motion passed unanimously. This matter will go before the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### <u>Petition 18-07 Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee – Text Amendment to Section 13.08</u> Adding Sub-Section R Pertaining to Renewal of Special Use Permits

Mr. Asselmeier provided a summary of this proposed text amendment. The proposal clarifies the procedure for renewing a special use permit. If a special use permit holder does not violate the terms of their special use permit, the special use permit shall be automatically renewed. If a special use permit holder is found guilty of violating the terms of their special use permit, the holder would have to go through the special use permitting process in full in order to renew the special use permit. The County Board could request changes to the special use permit, but the County would have to pay for all applicable notification requirements. Twenty-seven (27) special use permits exist that require some form of review. The proposal contains a provision allowing those special use permit holders to forfeit grandfathering.

Mr. Rybski asked if the special use permits would be actively renewed. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the existing special uses are exempt the proposal. Also, if an existing special use permit holder wants an amendment to their special use, the County could require that they follow this new regulation.

Mr. Rybski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clayton, to recommend approval of the proposal.

Ayes (6): Klaas, Eberhardt, Rybski, Clayton, Herber, and Asselmeier

Nays (0): None

Absent: (4) Guritz, Andrews, Davidson, and Chismark

The motion passed unanimously. This matter will go before the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD**

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Petition 17-30 was approved by the County Board. Mr. Asselmeier also reported that the petition transferring the power and duties to hear special use permits from the Hearing Officer to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the petition increasing notification distances for A-1 special use permits will go to the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee on March 12<sup>th</sup> and could go to the County Board on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

None

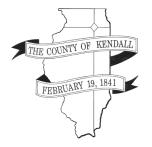
#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The ZPAC, at 9:22 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP Senior Planner



#### **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, BUILDING & ZONING**

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**MEMORANDUM** 

To: Kendall County Zoning and Platting Advisory Committee

From: Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, Senior Planner

Date: March 21, 2018

Re: 18-13 Proposed Text Amendments Pertaining to Solar Panel Zoning Regulations

In recent months, the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department has received inquiries from solar energy consultants and property owners desiring to place solar panels on properties throughout the County. These solar panels would be used to generate power offsite from the location where the solar panels are placed. Kendall County adopted solar panel zoning regulations in 2010 and 2011, but these regulations focused on generating solar energy and using that energy onsite. The County also has zoning regulations for power plants, but many solar energy consultants were uncomfortable with a "power plant" classification.

Earlier in 2018, the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee instructed Staff to study the solar panel regulations of several counties. The comparison table from this study is included with this memo.

At their meeting on March 12, 2018, the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee approved initiating text amendments to the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance incorporating DeKalb County's proposed regulations into the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance. A proposal is attached to this memo.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting on this topic, please let me know.

Thanks.

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ENCS: Solar Comparison Table

Proposed Text Amendments for Solar Panels

County Solar Panel Regulations (Updated DeKalb 3/19/18)

Boone (B)

DeKalb (D)

Grundy (G)

Kankakee (K)

Tazewell (T)

Will (W)

Note: LaSalle County Allows Solar Panels as Special Use, But Has No Stated Restrictions.

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Differentiate	Yes	No, but Does	No	No	No, but Does	Concentrated Solar
Between		Differentiate in			Differentiate in	Not Allowed
Community and		Size at 5 Acres			Size at 5 Acres	
Utility Systems		20 Acres				
		Maximum for				
		Solar Gardens				
Districts Where	None	None	None	None	None	None
Permitted Use		Solar Gardens				
		May Be				
		Approved if				
		Neighbors				
		Approve				
		Otherwise				
		They Are				
		Special Use (All				
		<b>Districts</b> )				
		Solar Farms				
		May Be				
		Approved if				
		Neighbors				
		Approve				

		Otherwise They Are Special Use in A-1				
Districts Where Special Use	A-1, A-2, RE, R-1, RC, RC-2, RTN, B-1, B-2, I- 1, and I-2	Less than 5 Acres In All Districts 5 Acres or Greater A-1 Only  Applications Meeting the Requirements of the Ordinance Do Not Require Committee Review	All Agricultural and Industrial Districts	A-1	Less than 5 Acres In All Districts 5 Acres or Greater A-1, Conservation and Industrial Districts	A-1, I-1, I-2, and I-3
Foundation	Must be Certified by a Qualified Engineer	Must be Certified by a Qualified Engineer for Solar Farms  Must be an Impervious Surface (Gravel or Compacted Soils Are Impervious)	Not Mentioned	Must be Certified by Qualified Engineer	Panels Must Be Installed by Qualified Installer	Not Mentioned
	В	D	G	K	T	W

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Glare	No Glare on Adjacent	No Glare on	No Glare on	Not Mentioned	No Glare on	Minimize Glare to
	Properties or ROWs	Adjacent	Adjacent		Adjacent	Adjacent Property
		Properties or	Residential		Properties or	
		Airports within	Property		Airports within	No Glare on ROWs
		500 Feet of			500 Feet of	or Impacting Air
		Airport or			Airport or	Traffic or Create a
		Approach Zone			Approach Zone	Safety Hazard
		If Within 500				
		Feet of Airport				
		or Approach				
		Zone, Solar				
		Glare Hazard				
		Analysis Tool				
		Report Must be				
		Submitted;				
		Potential FAA				
		Review				
		Required				
Lighting	Photometric Plan	Security	Cannot Cross	Cannot Cross	Not Mentioned	No Artificial
	Required, Security	Lighting Only	Property Lines	Property Lines		Lighting Unless
	Lights Max 30 Feet in	and Lighting				Required by FAA or
	Height, Lighting	Required by				Other Governmental
	Elements Shielded from	FAA and FCC				Entity
	Adjacent Property, Foot					
	Candle at Property Line					
	Max 0.5					
Drainage Tile	Must Be Repaired and	Not Mentioned	Must Be	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Must Be Maintained
	Restored-Boone County		Repaired and			and Repaired
	SWD Chooses Inspector		Bond or Letter			
	and Applicant Pays for		of Credit			
	Inspection		Required, No			
			Specifics			

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Electrical Lines	Inspected Prior to Burial	Must Be Buried	Must Be Buried	Must Be Buried	Not Mentioned	All Utilities Must Be
		(Also	(Also	(Also		Buried Unless
		Communication	Communication	Communication		Waived by SU
		Lines)	Lines or	Lines)		Permit
			Wireless)			
Minimum Lot	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	5 Acres	Not Specified	Not Specified
Size						
Height	Systems, Equipment and	<del>Systems,</del>	Systems,	Systems,	Systems,	Systems, Equipment
	Structures Shall Not	Equipment and	Equipment and	Equipment and	Equipment and	and Structures Shall
	Exceed 30 Feet in	<del>Structures</del>	Structures Shall	Structures Shall	Structures Shall	Not Exceed 25 Feet
	Height at Maximum Tilt	Shall Not	Not Exceed 20	Not Exceed 30	Not Exceed 20	in Height at
	(Lines and Utility Poles	Exceed 20 Feet	Feet in Height	Feet in Height	Feet in Height at	Maximum Tilt
	are Exempt)	<del>in Height at</del>	at Maximum	(Lines and	Maximum Tilt	
		<b>Maximum Tilt</b>	Tilt	Utility Poles are	(Cannot Exceed	
		(Lines and		Exempt)	30 Inches Above	
		<b>Utility Poles</b>			Grade in the	
		are Exempt)			Front Yard)	
		Must Follow				
		Height				
		Restrictions of				
		the District at				
Setbacks-Front	75 Feet from ROW	Maximum Tilt Not Mentioned	150 Feet	100 Feet	Cannot	Follow Setback
Setbacks-Front		<del>500</del> -100 Feet	130 Feet	(Fences	Encroach on	
	(Fences Excluded)	Unless Waived		Excluded)	Setbacks at	Regulations of District
		by Road		Excluded)	Minimum Tilt	District
		District (50			IVIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII	
		Foot Min)				
		No System in				
		Front Yards				
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	В	D	G	K	T	W
Setbacks-	40 Feet from Property	50 Feet from	150 Feet	50 Feet from	Cannot	25 Feet from
Adjoining	Lines (Excluding	<b>Property Lines</b>		Property Lines	Encroach on	Property Lines
Property	Fences)	Min		(Excluding	Setbacks and	
		500 100 Feet		Fences)	Minimum Tilt	
		<b>Unless Waived</b>				
		by Neighbors			50 Feet from	
					Property Lines	
Setbacks-	150 Feet from Properties	500 100 Feet	Not Mentioned	100 Feet (As	Cannot	Not Mentioned
Residential	with Residences	from		Measured From	Encroach on	
	(Neighbor Can Waive	Neighboring		Property Line to	Setbacks and	
	this Requirement and	Residence		Property Line)	Minimum Tilt	
	Record Waiver)	Residential				
		<b>Property Lines</b>			500 Feet from	
		(Neighbor Can			Neighboring	
		Waive up to 300			Residence	
		50 Feet)				
Setbacks Internal	None	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned
Landscaping	Follow Zoning	When Visible	Landscaping	Landscaping	Do Not Block	Must be Screened
	Ordinance (Must Submit	for Adjoining	Plan Required	Plan Must be	View or Shading	from All Roads and
	Landscaping Plan,	Residential Use		Submitted	of Properties to	Dwelling Units
	Name Type(s) of	or Residential	Use Native		the North	within 1000 Feet
	Evergreen Planted and	<b>Zoned</b>	Plantings			(Screening May Be
	Location, Must Submit	Property, Use				in Setbacks)
	Soil Evaluation,	<del>View</del>	Use as			
	Incorporate Native	<b>Obstructing</b>	Screening, But			
	Plantings)	Vegetation, a	No Specifics			
		Wall, Semi-				
		Opaque Fence	Shall be			
		<del>or Berm</del>	Inspected			
			Monthly by			
		Designed to	County			
		Obscure Views				

Landscaping Continued		to a Height of 6 Feet (For Mechanical Equipment the Screening Shall be the Height of the Equipment Plus 6 Inches				
Fencing	Not Mentioned	Not Required but if Used Then Maximum 8 Feet in Height with Warning Sign	Maximum 8 Feet in Height with Warning Sign	Minimum 8 Feet in Height (Must Have Knox Box and Keys)	Maximum 8 Feet in Height with Warning Sign	Privacy Fence May Be Substituted for Buffer if 6 Feet Tall. At Least 1 Evergreen Must is Required Per 30 Linear Feet of Fence or Wall,  Perimeter Fencing is Required with a Minimum of 7 Feet in Height; Barbed Wire and Razor Wire Prohibited Unless Waived
	В	D	G	K	T	W

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Buffers	25 Foot Wide Buffer of	Minimize View	Not Mentioned	30 Foot Wide	Not Mentioned	A Landscaped Area
	Compact Evergreen	<del>of System to</del>	in Specifics	Buffer of		at Least 10 Feet in
	Hedges or Other Type	<b>Surrounding</b>		Compact		Width with at Least
	of Evergreen Foliage	Properties 4 1		Evergreen		1 Shrub Per 5 Linear
	(Shall Be Located Along	Screened to		Hedges or		Feet Plus 1
	Road Frontage and	Protect from		Other Type of		Evergreen Tree per
	Perimeter of Any	<b>Routine View</b>		Evergreen		25 Linear Feet of the
	Single-Family	from Public		Foliage		Perimeter Area
	Dwelling) Minimum 3	ROWs;		Minimum 3		Evergreens Must Be
	Feet Tall; Hedge Must	Screening May		Feet Tall;		at Least 5 Feet Tall
	be 6 Feet Tall Within 5	Be Required to		Hedge Must be		at Time of Planting,
	Years; Replace Dead	the Extent It		8 Feet Tall		Top Soils Cannot be
	Growth and Maintain in	<b>Does Not Affect</b>		Within 3 Years;		Removed Without
	Good Condition.	the Operation		Replace Dead		Permission of the
	Topographical Features	of the System		Growth and		County Board,
	and Existing Woodlands			Maintain in		Perennial Vegetation
	May Be Incorporated in	Building		Good		Must Be Maintained
	Buffer	Integrated or		Condition.		
		<b>Roof Mounted</b>		Earth Berms,		
		Systems Do Not		Topographical		
		Need to be		Features and		
		Screened		Existing		
				Woodlands		
		Top Soils		May Be		
		Cannot Be		Incorporated in		
		Removed from		Buffer		
		<b>Solar Farms</b>				

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Noise	No Detectible Noise by the Human Ear at 500 Feet. Noise Does Not Include Routine Maintenance, Repair, or Construction (Construction is Limited to Monday-Saturday 7- 7; Sundays and Holidays 9-6)	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	50 dBA When Located Adjacent to Residence or Residential Zoning District	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned
Signage	Warning Sign at Entrance Which Includes Facility's 911 Address and 24 Hour Emergency Contact Phone Number	Not Mentioned	High Voltage Signs Posted at Each Entrance and Base of All Pad Mounted Transformers  Emergency Contact Information Near Tower, Operations Building and Maintenance Building	Warning Sign at Entrance Which Includes Facility's 911 Address and 24 Hour Emergency Contact Phone Number	Manufacturer's Specs Must be Displayed	Not Mentioned

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Site Plan	Existing Property Lines	Not Mentioned	25 Copies of	50 Copies of	Same as Boone	Must Provide Proof
Requirements	Extending Five	<del>Directly</del>	Required	Required	Except No	that Owner/Operator
	Hundred Feet from the		Submittals	Submittals	Utility	Has the Financial
	Exterior Boundary,	Must Submit			Information	Ability to Construct
	Including the Names of	Horizontal and	Evidence of	Same as Boone		the Solar Farm
	Adjacent Property	Vertical	Control of Site	Except No		
	Owners and Current	Elevations	Must Be	Utility		Must Provide Notice
	Use of Those Properties	Showing the	Provided	Information		of Development
		Location of the				Letter to Will
	Exiting Public and	System,	Plan Must	Also Must		County Board
	Private Roads, Show	Buildings, and	Include Number	Submit		Representatives
	Width and Easements	<b>Property Lines</b>	and Capacity of	Manufacturer's		
			Arrays,	Specs, Itemized		Site Plan Must Show
	Location and Size of	Highest	Placement,	Cost of		Same Property Line,
	Existing and	Finished Slope	Fencing and	Construction		Property Ownership
	Abandoned Wells and	of Roof Must	Landscaping,	and Connection		and Floodplain
	Sewage Treatment	be Provided	and Total	Method		Locations as Boone
	Systems		Height of			
			Arrays			Must Include
	Existing Buildings and					Number Location
	Impervious Surfaces		Topography			and Spacing of Solar
			Information at 5			Panels
	Contour Map Showing		Foot Intervals			
	Topography at 2 Foot					Include Product Cut
	Intervals, May Include		Fire Protection			Sheets
	Topography of		Plan,			
	Neighboring Properties		Revegetation			Traffic Control
			Plan, Drainage			Information
	Existing Vegetation and		and Erosion			
	Type of Vegetation		Plan			Operation and
						Maintenance Plan

Site Plan	Waterways,	Emergency Plan	Emerge	ncy Services
Requirements	Watercourses, Lakes,	Provided to		Plan
Continued	and Wetlands	Local Fire		
		Department	Redac	ct Copy of
	Wetland Boundaries		I	Lease
	FEMA FIRM Map and			
	100 Year Flood			
	Elevation			
	Floodway, Flood			
	Fringe, and General			
	Flood Plain District			
	Boundary			
	Mannad Calla			
	Mapped Soils			
	Surface Water Drainage			
	Patterns			
	1 atterns			
	Location of Subsurface			
	Drainage Tiles			
	Bramage Thes			
	Location of All Utilities			

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Site Plan	1. Location, Number	Must Submit	Included with	Same as Boone	Same as Boone	Included with Site
Conditions	and Spacing of	Operation and	Site Plan	1-6	1-6	Plan Requirements
	Solar Panels	Maintenance	Requirements			
	2. Location of Access	Report Within		\$500 Per Week	\$500 Per Week	
	Roads and Access	14 Days Upon		Weed Violation	Weed Violation	
	Points	Request				
	3. Planned Location of					
	Underground or	Must Submit				
	Overhead Electric	EcoCat and				
	Lines Connecting	Illinois Historic				
	the Solar Farm to a	Preservation				
	Building,	Agency				
	Substation, or Other	Consultation				
	Electric Load.	Information				
	4. New Electrical					
	Equipment Other	Must Allow				
	Than Existing	Access for Fire				
	Building or	Protection				
	Substation	Personnel				
	<ol><li>Certified Drawings</li></ol>					
	of Elevation of the	Must Follow				
	Premises Accurately	<b>Noxious Weed</b>				
	Depicting the	Ordinance				
	System					
	6. Weed Control Plan					
	Approved by Boone					
	County					
	Conservation					
	District, No Soil					
	Sterilant Shall Be					
	Permitted to be					
	Used Onsite					

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Road District Approval	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Required and Panels Must Be 150 Feet From Public or Private Roads  Bonds or Letter of Credit Required for Maintenance, Amount Not	Required	Required	Required
Utility Approval	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned Required	Provided Not Mentioned	Required, Copy of the Agreement Must be Submitted as Part of Application	Required	Required

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Decommissioning	Required as Part of	Required as Part	Required as	Required as	If Not Used for	Required as Part of
Plan	Application	of Application	Part of	Part of	6 Months, Must	Application
			Application	Application	be Removed in	
	Must Occur if Panels	If Not Used for			30 Days	Removal within 180
	Not Used in 12	90 Consecutive	If Not Used for	Same as Boone	(Violation)	Days
	Consecutive Months,	Days	9 Months	Financial		
	Operating Company or			Security of	Required as Part	Considered
	Land Owners has 6	6 Months to	9 Months to	\$1000 Per Acre	of Application	Abandoned if Not
	Months to Complete	Complete	Remove	in the Form of		Producing Electricity
	Plan	Removal		Irrevocable	Must Occur if	for 1 Year
			Must Remove	Letter of Credit	Panels Not Used	
	County Board May	County May	All Structures	or Escrow in	for 12 Months,	Remove all
	Grant Extensions	Request	and Pads to a	lieu Boone	Have 6 Months	Structures,
		Written	Depth of 4 Feet	Bond	to Remove	Foundations,
	Plan Must Include	Approval that	Below Ground		Panels and	Barriers, and
	Removal of Structures,	System is Still	Surface		Foundations to a	Transmission Lines
	Equipment, Fencing,	Operational;			Depth of 4 Feet	
	Hazardous or Special	Must Respond	Bond or Letter		Below Ground	Re-Vegetated as
	Materials, Roads,	in 14 Days	of Credit		Surface.	Necessary
	Foundations, and		Required,			-
	Restoration of Soil and	Remove All	Amount		Hazardous	Hazardous Materials
	Vegetation	Structures and	Determined by		Materials Must	Must be Disposed
	_	Foundations and	Engineer or		be Disposed Per	Per Applicable Laws
	Bond in the Amount of	Restore	Contractor,		Applicable Laws	
	150% of the Engineer's	Vegetation	Must Pay 50%			Owners Must
	Estimate for		Before		Surety Bond or	Provide Cost
	<b>Decommission Costs</b>	Bond or Letter	Construction		Escrow Must	Estimates at Time of
	Must Be Submitted	of Credit May	Starts and		Be Provided to	Special Use Permit
	Prior to Issuance of	Be Required	Balance is Due		Cover Cost of	Application
	Occupancy Permit	(Dollar Amount	Within 5 Years		Removal at	
	<u> </u>	Not Listed)	of the Start of		Time of	
			Construction		Application	

Decommission	Updated		Revegetation		County May	
Plan Continued	Decommissioning Plans		Plan		County Way  Collect Escrow	
rian Continueu	Must Be Submitted		rian		or Bond and	
	Every 3 Years, Plans				Enter Property if Decommissionin	
	Must Be Signed by					
	Party Responsible for				g Not	
	Decommissioning and/or Land Owner				Completed in 6	
	and/or Land Owner				Months	
	County May Request				County May	
	Additional Information				Also Place a	
					Lien on Property	
	Construction Must				to Cover Costs	
	Commence within 2					
	Years of Approval by					
	the County Board,					
	<b>Board May Grant</b>					
	Extension If Requested					
	Prior to 60 Days of 2 <sup>nd</sup>					
	Anniversary of the					
	Issuance of the Special					
	Use Permit					
	Must Comply with State					
	Laws as They Relate to					
	Decommissioning					
	Decommissioning					
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Fees	Reimburse County for Costs Greater than \$500 and Pay All Invoices within 10 Days	Building Permit Fees 0-10 KW \$150 11-50 KW \$300 51-100 KW \$600 101-500 KW \$1200 501-1000 KW \$2750 1001-2000 KW \$6000 Over 2000 KW \$200 for Each Additional 0- 100 KW Fees Double if Construction Commences before Obtaining	G Not Mentioned	K Filing Fee of \$5,000 Plus Reimburse County for Costs Greater than \$5,000 and Pay All Invoices with 10 Days	T Building Permit Fees 0-4 KW \$75 5-10 KW \$150 11-50 KW \$300 51-100 KW \$500 101-500 KW \$1000 501-1000 KW \$3000 1001-2000 KW \$5000	W Not Mentioned
		Fees Double if Construction Commences before Obtaining				
		Building Permit				

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Insurance	Owner or Operator Shall	Owner or	Owner or	Not Mentioned	Owner or	Required, No
	Maintain Current	Operator Shall	Operator Shall		Operator Shall	Specifics
	Liability Policy	Maintain	Maintain		Maintain	_
	Covering Bodily Injury	Current	Current		Current	
	and Property Damage at	Liability Policy	Liability Policy		Liability Policy	
	\$2 Million Per	Covering Bodily	Covering		Covering Bodily	
	Occurrence and \$20	Injury and	Bodily Injury		Injury and	
	Million in Aggregate	Property	and Property		Property	
		Damage at	Damage at \$2		Damage at \$2	
	Must Have Policy for	Least \$3	Million Per		Million Per	
	Duration of Special Use	Million Per	Occurrence and		Occurrence and	
	Permit and Submit Copy	Occurrence and	\$5 Million in		\$5 Million in	
	of Renewals to the	\$5 Million in	Aggregate with		Aggregate with	
	Building Department	Aggregate, Must	a Deductible of		a Deductible of	
		Have Policy for	No More Than		No More Than	
	County is Named as	Duration of	\$5,000		\$5,000,	
	Additional Insured	Special Use				
		Permit,			Must Have	
		Such Insurance			Policy for	
		May Be			Duration of	
		Provided			Special Use	
		Pursuant to a			Permit,	
		Plan of Self-				
		Insurance by a			County is	
		Party with a Net			Named as	
		Worth of \$20			Additional	
		Million Dollars			Insured	
		or More,				
		County Named				
		as Additional				
		Insured				

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Outdoor Storage	B Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	G Ordinance Hints that Outdoor Storage is Allowed, But Does Not Provide Any Perimeters	Only Equipment and Materials Related to the Operation and Maintenance of the Solar Farm (Must be paved with a Bituminous Surface and either Fenced or Screened from Adjoining Properties and	T Not Mentioned	W Not Allowed
UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc) Listing	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned Required and Must Have Anti-Reflective Coating	Not Mentioned, But Equipment Must Meet Industry Standards	Uses) Required and Must Have Anti-Reflective Coating	Required for Components	Required for Electrical Systems Components
Indemnification of County	Yes	Yes	Non Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned
Public Nuisance Statement	Yes	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Cost Statement	Must Be Maintained in Good Order	Must Be Maintained in Good Order
Severability Statement	Yes	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned
High Water Mark	Not Mention	Not Mentioned	150 Feet	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned
Adjoining Property Value Evaluation	Not Mention	Not Mentioned	Yes	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned

	В	D	G	K	T	W
Follow Federal,	Yes	Yes	Yes-Annual	Yes	Yes-County	Not Mentioned
State, and Local			Inspection		Will Do Annual	
Laws					Inspection	

#### Solar Panel Amendments

Amend Section 3.02 by adding the following terms and definitions:

ACTIVE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM. A solar energy system whose primary purpose is to harvest energy by transforming solar energy into another form of energy or transferring heat from a collector to another medium using mechanical, electrical, or chemical means.

BUILDING-INTEGRATED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS. An active solar energy system that is an integral part of a principal or accessory building, rather than a separate mechanical device, replacing or substituting for an architectural or structural component of the building. Building-integrated systems include but are not limited to photovoltaic or hot water solar energy systems that are contained within roofing materials, windows, skylights, and awnings.

GRID-INTERIE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM. A photovoltaic solar energy system that is connected to an electric circuit served by an electric utility company.

GROUND MOUNT SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM. A solar energy system mounted on a rack or pole that rests on or is attached to the ground.

OFF-GRID SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM. A photovoltaic solar energy system in which the circuits energized by the solar energy system are not electrically connected in any way to electric circuits that are served by an electric utility company.

PASSIVE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM. A solar energy system that captures solar light or heat without transforming it to another form of energy or transferring the energy via a heat exchanger.

PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM. An active solar energy system that converts solar energy directly into electricity.

ROOF MOUNT SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM. A solar energy system that is mounted on a rack that is fastened onto a building roof.

SOLAR ACCESS. Unobstructed access to direct sunlight on a lot or building through the entire year, including access across adjacent parcel air rights, for the purpose of capturing direct sunlight to operate a solar energy system.

SOLAR COLLECTOR. An assembly, structure, and the associated equipment and housing, designed for gathering, concentrating, or absorbing direct and indirect solar energy for which the primary purpose is to convert or transform solar radiant energy into thermal, mechanical, chemical or electrical energy.

SOLAR ENERGY. Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.

SOLAR ENERGY EASEMENT. An easement that limits the height or location, or both, of permissible development on the burdened land in terms of a structure or vegetation, or both, for the purpose of providing access for the benefited land to wind or sunlight passing over the burdened land.

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM (SES). All components required to become a complete assembly or structure that will convert solar energy into electricity for use.

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM ADDITION. A private solar energy system which is structurally attached to a building or structure on the zoning lot on which said system is located. Said system shall be considered part of the building and shall comply with all provisions of this ordinance pertaining thereto.

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM, PRIVATE. A collection of one (1) or more solar collectors designed for use by the occupant(s) of the zoning lot on which said system is located; excess power generation is limited to net metering or similar technology with regulations set by the local power utility, community, county, and state. Private solar energy system equipment shall conform to applicable industry standards, and applicants for building permits for private solar energy systems shall submit certificates from equipment manufacturers that the equipment is manufactured in compliance with industry standards.

SOLAR FARM. A commercial facility that converts sunlight into electricity, whether by photovoltaics (PV), concentrating solar thermal devices (CST), or other conversion technology, for the primary purpose of wholesale sales of generated electricity. A solar farm is the principal land use for the parcel on which it is located.

SOLAR GARDEN. A commercial solar-electric (photovoltaic) array, of no more than 20 acres in size, that provides retail electric power (or a financial proxy for retail power) to multiple households or businesses residing in or located off-site from the location of the solar energy system. A county solar garden may be either an accessory use, when a part of an existing or a proposed subdivision or a special use if it is a stand-alone garden.

SOLAR HEAT EXCHANGER. A component of a solar energy device that is used to transfer heat from one substance to another, either liquid or gas.

SOLAR HOT AIR SYSTEM. An active solar energy system (also referred to as Solar Air Heat or Solar Furnace) that includes a solar collector to provide direct supplemental space heating by heating and re-circulating conditioned building air.

SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEM. A system (also referred to as Solar Thermal) that includes a solar collector and a heat exchanger that heats or preheats water for building heating systems or other hot water needs, including residential domestic hot water and hot water for commercial processes.

SOLAR MOUNTING DEVICES. Racking, frames, or other devices that allow the mounting of a solar collector onto a roof surface or the ground.

SOLAR STORAGE UNIT. A component of a solar energy device that is used to store solar generated electricity or heat for later use.

Amend Section 4.18 as follows:

#### 4.18 SOLAR PANELS

- A. Roof Mounted. Solar panels located on the roof of an existing structure shall be permitted in all districts. Roof mounted solar energy systems shall not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted. Roof mounted solar energy systems shall not exceed the maximum allowed height in any zoning district. Roof mounted or building integrated private solar energy systems for residential or business use shall be considered an accessory use in all zoning districts where there is a principal structure and shall meet the regulations of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance. Roof mounted solar panels used as accessory to agricultural uses shall be exempt from building permits.
- B. Freestanding. Solar panels located on the ground or attached to a framework located on the ground shall be classified as accessory structures in all zoning districts provided that the system is no larger than necessary to provide one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the electrical and/or thermal requirements of the structure to which it is accessory as determined by a contractor licensed to install photovoltaic and thermal solar energy systems. Freestanding solar panels shall be permitted if they comply with all of the following standards the standards listed in the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance. Ground or pole mounted solar energy systems shall not exceed the maximum height, when oriented at maximum tilt, for the zoning district in which it is located. Freestanding solar panels used as accessory to agricultural uses shall be exempt from building permits.

(Properties considered agriculturally exempt as defined in State Statute from building permits are further exempt from these standards with the exception of #3 listed below):

1. The proposed system is no larger than necessary to provide 120 percent of the electrical and/or thermal energy requirements of the structure to which it is accessory as determined by a contractor licensed to install photovoltaic and thermal solar energy systems.

- 2. The solar panels and supporting framework shall not exceed 12' in all districts with the exception of the agricultural district as measured from adjoining grade at base to the highest elevation of the equipment.
- The solar energy system including any appurtenant equipment is not located within any required setback areas within the respective zoning district.
- 4. If the solar panels are visible from off-site, the solar panels are not located within 150 feet of a dwelling located on a lot other than the lot on which the solar energy system is located unless:
  - a. There are appropriate facades, walls, fences or landscaping that screen the solar panels and supporting framework from unobstructed view.
  - b. Reflection angles from collector surfaces are oriented away from neighboring windows.
  - c. The panels are mounted as close as possible to the ground while allowing adequate drainage and preventing vegetation from shading the panels.
- 5. The solar panels are located so that they are not readily visible from public viewing areas including parks, roads and trails located to the south of the site.
- C. Solar Gardens. Solar gardens shall be allowed in all zoning districts and shall require a special use permit whether accessory or principal use of the property subject to the following requirements:
  - 1. The requirement for a special use permit may be waived, provided the solar garden's owner/lessee obtains and records with the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department signed and notarized affidavits agreeing that the need for a special use permit be waived from all property owners adjoining the zoning lot on which the solar garden is to be located (as determined by the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department).
  - 2. Unless otherwise noted in the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance, solar gardens must comply with all required standards for structures in the district in which the system is located.
  - 3. Rooftop community systems are permitted in all zoning districts where buildings are permitted.

- 4. Ground-mount community solar energy gardens must be less than twenty (20) acres in total size. Ground-mount solar developments covering more than twenty (20) acres shall be considered solar farms.
- 5. Solar gardens are subject to Kendall County's Stormwater Management Ordinance and NPDES permit requirements.
- 6. An interconnection agreement must be completed with the electric utility in whose service territory the system is located.
- 7. For solar gardens located within 500 feet of an airport or within the approach zones of an airport, the applicant must complete and provide the results of the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) for the Airport Traffic Control Tower cab and final approach paths, consistent with the Interim Policy, FAA Review of Solar Energy Projects on Federally Obligated Airports, or most recent version adopted by the FAA.
- 8. Ground-mount systems must comply with all required standards for structures in the district in which the system is located. All solar gardens shall also be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal regulatory codes, including the State of Illinois Uniform Building Code, as amended, and the National Electric Code, as amended. Also, Health Department requirements for wells and septic systems must be met.
- D. Solar Farms. Ground mount solar energy systems that are the primary use on the lot, designed for providing energy to off-site uses or export to the wholesale market are permitted under the following standards:
  - 1. Solar farms shall require a special use permit in the A-1 Agricultural District. Unless otherwise noted in the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance, solar farms must comply with all the required standards for structures in the district in which the system is located.
  - 2. The solar array and all components of the solar collector system in a solar farm shall be kept at least one hundred feet (100') from a property line or right-of-way. However, this requirement may be waived, provided the solar farm's owner/lessee obtains, and records with the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, signed and notarized affidavits agreeing that the minimum setback be waived, from all property owners and affected road authorities adjoining the zoning lot on which the solar farm is to be located (as determined by the Kendall County, Planning, Building and Zoning Department). However, in no instance shall any part of the solar farm be located within fifty feet (50') of any of the aforementioned items.

- 3. Solar farms are subject to Kendall County's Stormwater Management Ordinance and NPDES permit requirements.
- 4. Top soils shall not be removed during development, unless part of a remediation effort. Soils shall be planted to and maintained in perennial vegetation to prevent erosion, manage run off and build soil. A plan must be approved by the Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District and paid for by the developer. Applicable noxious weed ordinances shall be followed. Due to potential County liability under the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act (520 ILCS 10/11(b)), it is required that any crops planted be in compliance with all federal and state laws protecting endangered species. This will also include pollinators such as bees. A report showing demonstration of plan compliance shall be submitted annually and paid for by the developer.
- 5. A qualified engineer shall certify that the foundation and design of the solar panels racking and support is within accepted professional standards, given local soil and climate conditions.
- 6. All solar farms shall be in compliance with all applicable local, State and Federal regulatory codes and the National Electric Code, as amended.
- 7. Power and communication lines running between banks of solar panels and to nearby electric substations or interconnections with buildings shall be buried underground. Exemptions may be granted by Kendall County in instances where shallow bedrock, water courses, or other elements of the natural landscape interfere with the ability to bury lines or distance makes undergrounding infeasible, at the discretion of the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department. In addition, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has established standards and policies in the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreements (AIMA) regarding the construction or burial of electric transmission lines which should be agreed to and adhered to between the landowner and the developer.
- 8. A detailed site plan for both existing and proposed conditions must be submitted, showing location of all solar arrays, other structures, property lines, rights-of-way, service roads, floodplains, wetlands and other protected natural resources, topography, farm tile, electric equipment, fencing, and screening materials and all other characteristics requested by Kendall County. The site plan should also show all zoning districts and overlay districts.
- 9. For solar farms located within five hundred feet (500') of an airport or within approach zones of an airport, the applicant must complete and provide the results of the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) for the Airport Traffic Control Tower cab and final approach paths, consistent with

- the Interim Policy, FAA Review of Solar Energy Projects on Federally Obligated Airports, or most recent version adopted by the FAA.
- 10. Solar farm developers shall be required to initiate a natural resource review consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) through the department's online, EcoCat program. Areas reviewed through this process will be endangered species and wetlands. The cost of the EcoCat consultation will be borne by the developer
- E. Setback Requirements. Unless otherwise stated in the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance, the setback requirements for all solar energy systems shall meet the structure minimum setback requirements when the solar energy system is oriented at any and all positions.
  - No solar energy system shall be located in any front yard of any residentially zoned or used property.
- F. Design Standards. Active solar energy systems shall be designed to conform to the County's Land Resource Management Plan and to blend into the architecture of the building or may be required to be screened from the routine view from public rights-of-way other than alleys. Screening may be required to the extent it does not affect the operation of the system. The color of the solar collector is not required to be consistent with other roofing materials.
  - 1. Building integrated photovoltaic solar energy systems shall be allowed regardless of whether the system is visible from the public right-of-way, provided the building component in which the system is integrated meets all required setback, land use or performance standards for the district in which the building is located.
  - Solar energy systems using roof mounting devices or ground-mount solar energy systems shall not be restricted if the system is not visible from the closest edge of any public right-of-way or immediately adjacent to a residential structure.
  - 3. All solar energy systems using a reflector to enhance solar production shall minimize glare from the reflector affecting adjacent or nearby properties. Measures to minimize glare include selective placement of the system, screening on the north side of the solar array, modifying the orientation of the system, reducing use of the reflector system, or other remedies that limit glare.
  - 4. For solar units located within 500 feet of an airport or within approach zones of an airport, the applicant must complete and provide the results of the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) for the Airport Traffic Control Tower cab and final approach paths, consistent with the Interim

Policy, FAA Review of Solar Energy Projects on Federally Obligated Airports, or most recent version adopted by the FAA.

- G. Coverage. Roof or building mounted solar energy systems, excluding building-integrated systems, shall allow for adequate roof access for fire-fighting purposes to the south-facing or flat roof upon which the panels are mounted. Ground-mount private solar energy systems shall be exempt from impervious surface calculations if the soil under the collector is not compacted and maintained in vegetation. Foundations, gravel, or compacted soils are considered impervious.
- H. Plan Approval Required. All solar energy systems shall require administrative plan approval by the Kendall County Building Official via the review of the application for a building permit.
  - 1. Plan applications for solar energy systems shall be accompanied by horizontal and vertical (elevation) drawings. The drawings must show the location of the system on the building or on the property for a ground-mount system including the property lines.
  - 2. For all roof-mounted systems other than a flat roof, the elevation must show the highest finished slope of the solar collector and the slope of the finished roof surface on which it is mounted.
  - 3. For flat roof applications, a drawing shall be submitted showing the distance to the roof edge and any parapets on the building shall identify the height of the building on the street frontage side, the shortest distance of the system from the street frontage edge of the building, and the highest finished height of the solar collector above the finished surface of the roof.
  - 4. Applications that meet the design requirements of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance and do not require an administrative variance shall be granted administrative approval by the Zoning Administrator and not require Planning, Building and Zoning Committee review. Plan approval does not indicate compliance with Building or Electrical Codes.
- I. Approved Solar Components. Electric solar energy system components must have a UL listing approved equivalent and solar hot water systems must have an SRCC rating.
- J. Compliance with Building Code. All active solar energy systems shall meet approval of County building officials; solar thermal systems shall comply with HVAC-related requirements of the Illinois State Energy Code. All County adopted building codes will apply and take precedence where applicable.

- K. Compliance with State Plumbing Code. Solar thermal systems shall comply with applicable Illinois State Plumbing Code requirements.
- L. Compliance with State Energy Code. All photovoltaic systems and solar thermal systems shall comply with the Illinois State Energy Code.
- M. Utility Notification. All grid-intertie solar energy systems shall comply with the interconnection requirements of the electric utility. Off-grid systems are exempt from this requirement.
- N. Building Permit Requirements and Fees. All solar energy systems will be required to have a Kendall County Building Permit before any work can be started. A written plan and a plat/drawing for the proposed solar energy system shall be provided with the Building Permit Application. The plat/drawing must show the location of the system on the building or on the property, (for a ground-mount system show arrangement of panels), with all property lines and set back footages indicated. Fees for processing the applications for building permits shall be submitted to and collected by the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department as follows:

0-	10 kilowatts (kW)	\$150.00
11-	50 kilowatts (kW)	\$300.00
<b>51-</b>	100 kilowatts (kW)	\$600.00
101-	500 kilowatts (kW)	\$1,200.00
501-	1,000 kilowatts (kW)	\$2,750.00
1,001	I-2,000 kilowatts (kW)	\$6,000.00
Over	2,000 kilowatts (kW)	\$6,000.00 + \$200.00 for each additional 0-
		100 kilowatts

Any solar energy system that construction has started before a Building Permit has been applied and paid for will be charged double the permit fee.

- O. Liability Insurance and Indemnification.
  - 1. For Solar Farms and Solar Gardens, commencing with the issuance of building permits, the Applicant, Owner, or Operator shall maintain a current general liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage with limits of at least Three Million Dollars (\$3 Million) per occurrence and Five Million Dollars (\$5 Million) in the aggregate. Such insurance may be provided pursuant to a plan of self- insurance, by a party with a net worth of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20 Million) or more. The County shall be named as an individual insured on the policy to the extent the county is entitled to indemnification.
  - 2. For private/individual SES(s), commencing with the issuance of building permits, the applicant or owner shall maintain a current liability policy

- covering bodily injuries and any damage that may occur, on their home owner's policy or other applicable policy as approved by the Planning, Building and Zoning Department. (Remove Per Brian Holdiman)
- 3. Any SES(s), applicant, owner, or operator, whether individual or commercial, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officials, employees, and agents (collectively and individually, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of actions, damages, injuries, costs, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney's fees, except to the extent arising in whole or part out of negligence or intentional acts of such Indemnified Parties (such liabilities together known as "liability") arising out of applicant, owner, or operators selection, construction, operation, and removal of the SES(s) and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence). This general indemnification shall not be construed as limited or qualifying the County's other indemnification rights available under the law.

# P. Decommissioning Plan.

- 1. Upon the request of the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, an owner of a commercial solar energy system must provide documentation, within thirty (30) days, that the solar energy system is still in use. If the solar energy system is not in use, the owner of the system shall have 180 days, after notification from the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, to remove the solar energy system from the property.
- 2. A decommissioning plan shall be required at the time of applying for all solar farms and solar gardens to ensure that the facilities are properly removed after their useful life.
- 3. Decommission of solar panels must occur in the event they are not in use for ninety (90) consecutive days.
- 4. The owner or operator will have six (6) months to complete the decommissioning plan after operation of a solar farm or solar garden ceases.
- 5. The decommissioning plan shall include provisions for removal of all structures and foundations, restoration of soil and vegetation, and a plan ensuring financial resources will be available to fully decommission the site.

- 6. The Kendall County Board may require the posting of a bond, letter of credit, or the establishment of an escrow account to ensure the proper decommissioning. The posting of a bond may be required prior to the issuance of a building permit for the facility.
- 7. In the event that the State of Illinois enacts a law with regards to the decommissioning of a solar farm, the strictest requirements shall prevail.

# Q. Other Requirements.

- 1. Upon request from the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, an owner of a commercial solar energy system must provide documentation, within thirty (30) calendar days, that the solar energy system is still in use. If it is not still in use, the owner of the system will have one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, after notification from the Planning, Building and Zoning Department, to remove the solar energy system from the property.
- 2. Upon request from the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, the owner or operator of a solar farm or a solar garden must submit, within fourteen (14) calendar days, a current operation and maintenance report to the Department.
- 3. In all undeveloped areas, the solar energy developer will be required to complete a consultation with both the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) through the Department's online EcoCat Program. The cost of this consultation shall be at the developer's expense. The final certificate from EcoCat shall be provided to the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department before a permit or special use permit will be issued.
- 4. No fencing is required; however, if installed on the property the fencing shall have a maximum height of eight (8) feet. The fence shall contain appropriate warning signage that is posted such that is clearly visible on the site.
- 5. Any lighting for solar farms or solar gardens shall be installed for security and safety purposes only. Except for lighting that is required by the FCC or FAA, all lighting shall be shielded so that no glare extends substantially beyond the boundaries of the facility.
- 6. Reflection angles for solar collectors shall be oriented such that they do not project glare onto adjacent properties.
- 7. Electric solar energy system components must have a UL listing and must be designed with anti-reflective coating(s).

8. Solar energy systems must be in compliance with all State of Illinois Plumbing and Energy Codes.

Amend Section 7.01.D by adding:

"54. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance.

55. Solar Farms subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 8.02.C by adding:

"19. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 8.03.H.1 by adding

"p. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 8.09.B by adding

"9. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 9.02.C

"15. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 9.03.C

"26. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 9.04.C

"29. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 9.05.C

"20. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 9.06.F

"Solar Gardens. Solar gardens shall be a special use in the B-5 Business Planned Development District.

Amend Section 9.07.C

"19. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."

Amend Section 10.03.B

**"5. Solar Gardens subject to the provisions of Section 4.00 of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance."** 

Amend the Table of Uses to reflect Solar Gardens as special use in every zoning district and Solar Farms as a special use in the A-1 District.