

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

May 28, 2025

No. 25-56

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INTEGRATION OF THE SOLARAPP+ PROGRAM TO
THE PERMITTING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the City of Falcon Heights is committed to enhancing the availability of solar energy installed in the community by reducing barriers related to permitting times related to solar installation; and

WHEREAS, SolarAPP+ is a free automated online solar permitting software designed by the Department of Energy that uses a web-based portal to automate the solar project plan review and permit issuance processes for residential solar projects that are compliant with applicable building and electrical codes; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature established the SolarAPP+ Solar Permitting Software Incentive for Jurisdictions in 2024 to provide technical assistance and financial incentives to local units of government that issue permits for residential solar projects and solar plus energy storage systems by incentivizing a permitting authority to adopt the SolarAPP+ software to standardize, automate, and streamline the review and permitting process; and

WHEREAS, incentives from the Minnesota Department of Commerce are available until June 30, 2028, or until fully expended, whichever comes first, with a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$20,000, depending on population and the potential for bonus incentives; and

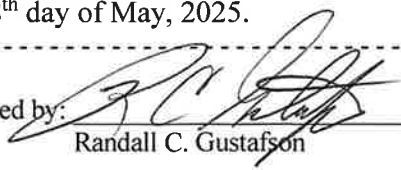
WHEREAS, the Environment Commission reviewed the program and recommends implementation of SolarAPP+.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota:

1. The City of Falcon Heights supports the implementation of the SolarAPP+ software; and
2. Staff is directed to work with SolarAPP+ representatives to integrate the software with the City's existing permitting software; and
3. Staff is directed to apply for the Minnesota Department of Commerce incentive(s) for SolarAPP+ platform adoption.

Adopted by the Falcon Heights City Council this 28th day of May, 2025.

Moved by: Mielke

Approved by: 
Randall C. Gustafson

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Attested by:



Jack Linehan
City Administrator