

CITY OF LAKE ELMO

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-010

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 08-198 BY TITLE AND SUMMARY**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the city of Lake Elmo has adopted Ordinance No. 08-198, an ordinance amending the Lake Elmo City Code of Ordinances by adding additional standards for solar energy systems and solar farms; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance is lengthy; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 412.191, subd. 4, allows publication by title and summary in the case of lengthy ordinances or those containing charts or maps; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the following summary would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo, that the City Administrator shall cause the following summary of Ordinance No. 08-198 to be published in the official newspaper in lieu of the entire ordinance:

Public Notice

The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo has adopted the following changes to Chapter 154: Zoning Code, of the City Code of the City of Lake Elmo:

- Removed the current definition of Solar Equipment from Accessory Uses Use Types and Classifications; added a new category to Use Types and Classifications entitled Alternative Energy; and added a definition of Solar Energy System and Solar Farm.
- Added standards for solar energy systems including:
 - Accessory setback, height, and lot coverage requirements are subject to those of the zoning district in which the solar energy system is located, with the exception of solar energy systems that are under six square feet in size.

- An interconnection agreement is required if connected to the electric distribution or transmission system through the existing service of the primary use on the site.
- Glare is to be minimized. The ordinance outlines ways in which this can be done.
- Solar energy systems must be applicable code requirements.
- A decommissioning plan is required, and decommissioning shall occur when facilities are not in use for 12 consecutive months.
- Property owners may be granted or buy easements to prevent certain restrictions that would diminish solar access.
- Added standards for solar farms
 - Conditional or interim use permit is required.
 - Minimum lot size, setbacks, and screening requirements are set forth.
- Solar farms are a conditional use in the Agricultural, Rural Residential, and Closed Landfill Restricted zoning districts and an interim use in the Rural Development Transitional zoning district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo that the City Administrator keep a copy of the ordinance at City Hall for public inspection and that a full copy of the ordinance be placed in a public location within the City.

Dated: February 20, 2018.



Mayor Mike Pearson

ATTEST:



Julie Johnson, City Clerk

(SEAL)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member

_____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against same: _____

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.