



Northumberland County, Virginia

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Chapter 11, 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia as amended, that the Northumberland County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** at the new Courthouse at 220 Judicial Place, Heathsville, VA, and telephonically in order to consider the following:

- 1) A revision to the Northumberland County Zoning Ordinance § 148-155, Solar Energy Facilities, to modify the definition of solar energy facility, small system; to require negotiations on compensation of impacts to the county; to prohibit solar energy facilities in R-1, Residential General and R-2 Residential Waterfront zoned properties; require an environmental impact statement, a landscape agreement and surety; require an annual report of power output by month; stipulate decommissioning requires removal of infrastructure above and below ground; reduce the time for revision of the decommissioning plan from every five years to every two years; increase the time to decommission a solar energy facility from six to twelve months; as well as stipulate when the decommissioning plan and surety are due. Details regarding the changes to the solar energy facility section of the zoning ordinance can be found at www.co.northumberland.va.us.

All written comments should be received by the Office of Building and Zoning prior to the Commission meeting. For further information concerning this request, contact Stuart McKenzie in the Office of Building & Zoning at the Courthouse in Heathsville, VA (580-7921 or email smckenzie@co.northumberland.va.us). Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting through electronic means (telephonic). The phone number, access code and password will be published on the County Website, www.co.northumberland.va.us at least 3 days prior to the meeting. If you are physically disabled, hearing or visually impaired and need assistance with this hearing, please call Stevie Conaway at (804) 580-8910 (Voice) or Via the Virginia Relay or TDD for assistance.

Northumberland County Planning Commission
By: Stuart McKenzie, County Planner

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