

**PALMYRA TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-08**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE #11-2020  
REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

**At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Palmyra Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, held at the Palmyra Township Hall on February 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member Dave Pixley moved to introduce the following Ordinance Amendment for publication, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Mark Crane:**

**An Ordinance to amend the Palmyra Township Zoning Ordinance Regarding Solar Energy Systems, Article VIII, Subsection 8.13(C)(22) & (C)(23)**

**THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
PALMYRA, LENAWEЕ COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:**

**Amendment to Subparagraph 8.13(C)(22)**

A. Section 8.13(C)(22)(j) is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

j. The decommissioning plan shall be written to provide security to the Township for 125% of the cost to remove and dispose of all panels, removal of all wiring, footings, and pilings, (regardless of depth), and restoration of the land to its original condition. The value of decommissioning shall be determined by a third-party financial consultant or engineer selected by the Township and paid for by the developer. The decommissioning security shall be paid in cash to the Township. Once the value of decommissioning is determined, it shall be updated on a periodic basis of not less than every 2 years and additional security shall be required based on the average inflation rate of the preceding 2 years.

B. Section 8.13(C)(22)(k) is deleted.

C. The remainder of Section 8.13(C) is renumbered consistent with the existing numbering structure.

**Addition of New Subparagraph 8.13(C)(23)**

A new subparagraph 8.13(C)(23) is added and reads in its entirety as follows:

23. A deposit for an escrow account in an amount set by resolution or fee schedule approved by the Township Board. The escrow account is used to cover all costs and expenses associated with the special land use review and/or approval process, which costs can include, but are not limited to, review fees of the Township Attorney, Township

Planner, Township Engineer, and other Township qualified professional consultants in the areas of electrical, acoustics, environmental, and health and safety, as well as any reports or studies which the Township anticipates will be required during the review and/or approval process for the application. At any point during the review process, the Township may require that the applicant place additional monies into escrow with the Township if the existing escrowed funds on account with the Township will be insufficient, in the sole determination of the Township, to cover any remaining costs or expenses with the review and/or approval process. If additional funds are required by the Township to be placed in escrow and the applicant refuses to do so within 14 days after receiving notice, the Township will cease the zoning review and/or approval process until and unless the applicant makes the required escrow deposit. Any escrow amounts more than actual cost will be returned to the applicant. An itemized billing of all expenses will be provided to the applicant upon request.

### **Validity and Severability**

If any portion of this Ordinance is found invalid for any reason, such holding will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

### **Repealer**

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

### **Effective Date**

This Ordinance takes effect upon the expiration of 7 days after a notice of its adoption is published.

YEAS: Steve Papenhagen; Mark Crane; Christine Whited; Dave Pixley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Angie Koester

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

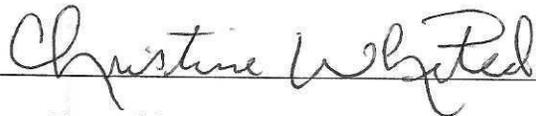
**Certification**

I, Christine Whited, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Township Clerk of the Township of Palmyra, and I do hereby certify that this Ordinance Amendment was adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Palmyra, Lenawee County, Michigan, at a regular meeting of the Township Board held at the Palmyra Township Hall, Lenawee County, Michigan, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, PALMYRA

TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF LENAWEЕ,

STATE OF MICHIGAN

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Palmyra Township Clerk

AUTHENTICATED:

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Palmyra Township Supervisor

Date: February 10, 2026