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INTRODUCED BY: Judy A. Ritter-Dickson

DATE: August 20, 2019

**AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Article 1304 "Use Definitions, General Provisions, Accessory Uses, Conditional Uses and Special Exception Use Requirements" of the City of York Codified Ordinances to include regulations for personal solar panel systems.

WHEREAS, The City of York Zoning Ordinance allows property owners in most zoning districts to install roof-mounted personal solar panel systems only after Zoning Hearing Board approval of a Special Exception; and

WHEREAS, this process directly adds additional costs to the property owner's costs and can delay the process more than eight weeks; and

WHEREAS, The City of York wishes remove time and cost barriers to property owners who wish to install roof-mounted personal solar power systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania, that Article 1304 be hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** That Article 1304.2-7.13 is hereby amended as follows:

**§1304.2-7.13 PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY SYSTEM (PERSONAL) ~~ROOF-MOUNTED PERSONAL SOLAR PANEL SYSTEM~~**

- a. **DEFINITION** – A system **attached to the roof of a building** designed to provide **supply** electricity through the direct conversion of solar energy for use within the principal building on the same property as the system.
- b. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**
  1. The structure shall be placed on the roof of the principal building **or** on the roof of an accessory building, ~~or as a freestanding structure placed within the required setbacks as established for the district.~~
  2. ~~If a freestanding structure, it shall be placed behind the principal building.~~ The structure shall be subject to HARB review and approval within HARB districts.
  3. The system shall be designed to generate the amount of electricity necessary to provide **supply** power for the **principal** structure on the property. A system shall not be designed to create additional power; however, additional power may result from on-site use less than designed. Connection to the electricity grid to back-feed this excess power generated shall be permitted when permitted by the local electric company.
- c. **SPECIAL EXCEPTION PROVISIONS** – All General Provision requirements, in addition to the Special Exception provisions of section 1311.11(c).

**SECTION TWO:** That Article 1304 is hereby amended to establish Article 1304.2-7.19 “Freestanding Personal Solar System” as follows:

**§1304.2-7.19 FREESTANDING PERSONAL SOLAR PANEL SYSTEM**

- a. **DEFINITION** – A system of one or more freestanding structures designed to supply electricity through the direct conversion of solar energy for use within the principal building on the same property as the system.
- b. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**
  - 1. The structure must be placed within the required setbacks established for the district.
  - 2. The structure must be placed behind the principal building.
  - 3. The structure shall be subject to HARB review and approval within HARB districts.
  - 4. The system shall be designed to generate the amount of electricity necessary to supply power for the principal structure on the property. A system shall not be designed to create additional power; however, additional power may result from on-site use less than designed. Connection to the electricity grid to back-feed this excess power generated shall be permitted when permitted by the local electric company.
- c. **SPECIAL EXCEPTION PROVISIONS** – All General Provision requirements, in addition to the Special Exception provisions of section 1311.11(c.)

**SECTION THREE:** That Article 1303.8(A) is hereby amended as follows:

**§1303.8(A) – PERMISSIBLE USE TABLE**

**SE – Special Exception; P – Permitted (by right; no ZHB appeal necessary)**

#	Use	RS1	RS2	UN1	UN2	MUI1	MUI2	CBD	ECOS	GW
7.13	<del>Photovoltaic Energy System (Personal)</del>	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	P	P	SE SE
	<b><u>Roof-mounted Personal Solar Panel System</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>			<b><u>P</u></b> <b><u>P</u></b>

**SECTION FOUR:** That Article 1303.8(A) is hereby amended to establish section 7.19 “Freestanding Personal Solar Panel System as follows:

**§1303.8(A) – PERMISSIBLE USE TABLE**

**SE – Special Exception; P – Permitted (by right; no ZHB appeal necessary)**

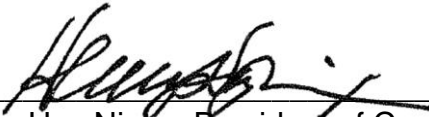
#	Use	RS1	RS2	UN1	UN2	MUI1	MUI2	CBD	ECOS	GW
<b>7.19</b>	<b><u>Freestanding Personal Solar Panel System</u></b>	<b><u>SE</u></b>	<b><u>SE</u></b>	<b><u>SE</u></b>	<b><u>SE</u></b>	<b><u>SE</u></b>	<b><u>SE</u></b>	<b><u>SE</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>SE</u></b> <b><u>SE</u></b>

PASSED FINALLY: September 17, 2019

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: Washington, Ritter-Dickson, Buckingham, Walker, Nixon - 5

NAYS: None.

  
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Henry Hay Nixon, President of Council

ATTEST:

  
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Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk

Presented to the Mayor for approval this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_ 9/19/19  
Mayor Date

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Date

Council of the City of York, PA  
Session 2019  
Bill No. 23  
Ordinance No. 22



INTRODUCED BY: Edquina Washington

DATE: September 3, 2019

**AN ORDINANCE**

Amending the York City Budget for the year 2019 by appropriating revenue and expense for the York City Police Department in the amount of \$244.00 for the enhancement of law enforcement operations.

**WHEREAS**, the York City Police Department applied for, and received, an award of \$43,654.00 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance of which \$1,358.70 remains, and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Bureau has reviewed the budget and has determined that the budget must be amended.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania, that the City of York 2019 Budget is hereby amended in accordance with the following schedule.

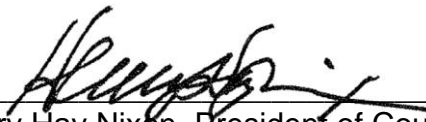
Account #	Description	Original Budget	Amended Budget
10-500-34020-10185	Police Grant	\$1,114.70	\$1,358.70
10-500-44400-10185	Other Contractual Services	\$1,114.70	\$1,358.70

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NAYS: None.

  
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