

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENACT ORDINANCE  
BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 040323**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Bethel, County of Lebanon, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that it shall consider proposed Ordinance No. 040323 at a special meeting to be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 3, 2023, at the Bethel Township Municipal Building, 3015 South Pine Grove Street, Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, 17026, and subsequently, if appropriate, at that meeting or at a subsequent public meeting held within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice, may enact an ordinance the title of which is as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF BETHEL TOWNSHIP, LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ZONING, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHEL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTING FACILITIES INCLUDING GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAYS, ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR SYSTEMS, AND SOLAR FARMS AND TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THOSE USES.**

The following is a brief summary of the proposed Ordinance. Section 1 adds definitions for Skyspace, Solar Array, Solar Energy, Solar Energy Collector, and Solar Farm. Section 2 adds roof-mounted solar systems and limited-use ground-mounted solar systems as permitted uses in the A-Agricultural Districts. Section 3 adds roof-mounted solar systems and limited-use ground-mounted solar systems as permitted uses in the FC-Forest Conservation District. Section 4 adds roof-mounted solar systems and limited-use ground-mounted solar systems as permitted uses in R-Rural Residential Districts. Section 5 adds roof-mounted solar systems as a permitted use in R-1 Low Density Residential Districts. Section 6 adds roof-mounted solar systems as a permitted use in R-2 High Density Residential Districts. Section 7 adds roof-mounted solar systems and limited-use ground-mounted solar systems as permitted uses and adds solar farms as a conditional use in the C-1 Retail Business District. Section 8 adds roof-mounted solar systems and limited-use ground-mounted solar systems as permitted uses and adds solar farms as a conditional use in C-2 Highway Commercial Districts. Section 9 adds roof-mounted solar systems and limited-use ground-mounted solar systems as permitted uses and adds solar farms as a conditional use in M-Manufacturing Districts. Section 10 provides regulations to govern roof-mounted solar collectors, including maximum height, pitched roof, flat roof, access, and disconnect requirements. Section 11 provides regulations to govern solar farms, including requirements for lot area, maximum height, parking, inspections, fencing, glare, vegetative screening, tree removal, underground electric lines, impervious coverage, setbacks, removal of hazardous conditions, certificates of design compliance, utility company grid-connection confirmation, lighting, structural integrity, system shutoff locations for

emergency responders, owner responsibilities, plans, operations agreements, owner-operator agreements, state and federal permits, decommissioning plans, stormwater control, bonding roadways, decommissioning procedures, financial security for decommissioning costs, decommissioning agreements; and permits certain existing principal uses to remain. Section 12 allows the sale of excess energy produced by solar energy collectors that are not a part of a solar farm. Section 13 repeals inconsistent ordinances and inconsistent parts of ordinances. Section 14 provides for severability. Section 15 provides an effective date.

Copies of Proposed Ordinance No. 040323 may be examined without charge or may be obtained for cost thereof at the Bethel Township Municipal Building, 3015 South Pine Grove Street, Fredericksburg, PA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, prevailing time, excluding holidays. Copies of these documents may also be viewed on the Bethel Township website at [betheltwpleb.org](http://betheltwpleb.org).

By order of the Board of Supervisors, Bethel Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

Shawn Hernley  
Chairman