



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 9/14/2021

**Effective Date:**

**Reference No.:** CB-078-2021

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):** Hawkins

**Sponsor(s):** Hawkins

**Item Title:** AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SOLAR-POWERED RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY AND WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION USES IN THE R-R ZONE for the purpose of defining Solar-Powered Renewable Energy Facility in the Zoning Ordinance; and amending the Table of Uses in the Zoning Ordinance to permit Solar-Powered Renewable Energy Facility and Warehouse and Distribution Uses in the R-R (Rural Residential) Zone of Prince George's County, when the Warehouse and Distribution use is partially powered by Renewable Energy under certain circumstances.

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**Drafter:** Jackie Brown, PHED Committee Director

**Resource Personnel:** Ashley Sharp, Chief of Staff, Council Member At-Large Hawkins

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

Plan Prince George's 2035 builds on the County's General Plan to help guide future growth, development and public investments in the County to include investment in energy infrastructure, renewable energy, and the use of smart grid technologies. The overall goal of these recommendations was to promote the efficient use of energy resources and support the County in becoming a leader in the effort to increase sustainable and environmentally conscious development in the region.

The attached legislation further enhances this potential by proposing changes in approved uses within the R-R Zone for development that is fully or partially powered by renewable energy. It reflects the recently enacted criteria for data centers to be allowed in certain zones with specific awareness to the use's impact on surrounding development. This proposed use is held to stricter placement requirements to expand the minimum property size from 25 acres to 75 acres to insure proper buffering from surrounding uses. Adequacy of stormwater management and transportation considerations will follow development standards and be addressed at the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision stage of the development process.

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