

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, solar energy benefits all residents of the Town of New Paltz (the “Town”) by reducing harmful emissions and delivering reliable peak electricity when our grid needs it most; solar energy generates more jobs per Megawatt (MW) than any other energy technology; and simplifying solar permitting in our Town will develop the rooftop solar local market, bringing with it substantial economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, streamlining the permitting process will benefit the Town staff by reducing the amount of time spent answering questions and reviewing each application (as solar grows in popularity, the permitting process runs the risk of overwhelming staff if the permitting process is not made more efficient); and

WHEREAS, such improvements can be done without compromising the safety and quality of the solar installations in the Town;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz recommends simplification of residential and small commercial solar permitting to the Town and follow up by requesting at public meetings of the Zoning and Planning bodies to direct the simplification of solar permitting.