

**KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP  
ORDNINANCE #20-02  
REVISION TO ORDINANCE #17-07 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Kochville Township Board desires to AMEND Ordinance 17-07, Section 4 (I), which regulates the screening of Solar Facilities located in Kochville Township, County of Saginaw, Michigan, and:

**WHEREAS**, the Kochville Township Board desires to DELETE Section 4 (B), prohibiting the location of a Solar Facility on farm lands enrolled in a Farmland Development Rights Agreement under the Michigan PA116 program, and;

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of these revisions are necessary to facilitate the construction, installation and operation of Solar Facilities in Kochville Township in a manner that minimizes the adverse impacts to residential lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,**

Amend Section 4(I),

I. Screening Requirements. Unless otherwise specified, all solar energy facilities shall have a minimum landscape buffer of twenty-five (25) feet along any road or adjacent to a residential use, which shall consist of two (2) rows of closely spaced, staggered evergreen plantings, planted no more than twelve (12) feet on centers, front to back and side to side, which can be reasonably expected to form a visual barrier that is at least eight (8) feet above ground level within three (3) years of planting. The minimum height at time of planting shall be no less than six (6) feet in height with a diameter of no less than four (4) feet at its base and a species of evergreen that produces dense growth capable of producing a complete visual barrier.

Wherever screening is adjacent to a residence, the Planning Commission may require additional screening methods including opaque fencing and additional plantings to achieve a complete visual barrier.

Each owner, operator or maintainer of a solar facility shall maintain the landscape buffer so that the vegetation will reach maturity as soon as practical and will have maximum density in foliage. Dead or diseased landscaping shall be removed and must be replanted at the next appropriate planting time. Plants or grasses not part of the landscaping buffer shall be maintained by the facility operator to not exceed ten (10) inches in height.

Delete the following:

Section 4 (B) A solar energy facility shall not be permitted on land enrolled in a Farmland Rights Development Agreement under the Michigan PA116 program.

(end)

These ordinance revisions shall become effective 30 days after publication. No other section of Ordinance 17-07, shall be effected by these revisions. This Ordinance, known as Ordinance 17-07, is hereby amended and adopted by the Kochville Township Board, County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 22<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021, and ordered to be given publication in a manner described by law.

Motion by Trustee Ferrell and supported by Treasurer Knowlton.

Yeas – Clerk Machata, Trustee Thon, Trustee Ferrell, Treasurer Knowlton, and Supervisor Malesky

Nays - None

Abstains - None

Absent - None

  
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Alan Malesky, Supervisor  
Kochville Township

  
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Kevin Machata, Clerk  
Kochville Township

### CERTIFICATION

*State of Michigan, County of Saginaw*

I, the undersigned Township Clerk for the Township of Kochville, Saginaw, Michigan, certify that the above Ordinance 17-07, is hereby Amended as adopted by the Kochville Township Board of Trustees of the Township, on the 22<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021, and was recorded in full in the minutes of the meeting of the Township Board of Trustees on said date. It was signed by the Supervisor and the Clerk of the Township.

Dated: March 22, 2021

  
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Kevin Machata, Kochville Township Clerk

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Being duly sworn deposes and say he/she is Principal Clerk of



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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of April 20 21

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COUNTY OF MECOSTA  
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**KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE  
ADOPTION & POSTING  
ORDINANCE No. 17-07  
(AMENDED)**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting of the Kochville Township Board of Trustees held at 7:00 pm. on Monday, March 22, 2021, held at 3265 Kochville Road, the Kochville Township Hall, in a roll call vote held at such meeting, the adoption of the following, as an Amendment to Ordinance 17-07, known as the Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance, as described herein;  
  
An Amendment to provide regulations for the screening of a Solar Energy Facility and provide the Planning Commission with the authority to require additional buffers and landscaping as may be deemed necessary, specifically Section Four (4)(i); and  
  
An Amendment to delete Section Four (4)(b) removing reference to a PA116 farmland properties enrolled in a Farmland Development Rights Agreement.  
  
The full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Township Office at 5851 Mackinaw Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48604, and also available on the Township's web site at: <http://www.kochvilletwp.com/>  
  
This Ordinance Amendment will take effect Thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice.  
  
Al Maleski, Supervisor  
Kevin Machata, Clerk