



## REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 11/21/2023  
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

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**Department Origination:** Community Development

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**Agenda Item:** Adopt Resolution 2023-082 approving a variance to the fence height requirements for the Brainerd Public Utilities Solar Array located at 8027 Highland Scenic Drive

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**Approval Required:** Simple Majority Vote

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### **BACKGROUND**

The applicant is requesting approval of a variance to allow an 8-foot-high screen fence for the Brainerd Public Utilities Solar Array located at 8027 Highland Scenic Drive. 10-4-8 C, 1 of the Zoning Ordinance states that six feet is the maximum fence height allowed for side and rear yard areas and that four feet is the maximum fence height allowed in front yards. The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an 8-foot-high fence on the east and north sides of the solar array, which is in the side yard of the property. The fence is requested to accomplish the 90 percent opacity screening requirement that was approved by the City of Baxter as part of the Brainerd Public Utility solar array project.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the variance subject to the conditions and findings in the draft resolution.

### **COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

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