



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: St. Francis City Council
FROM: Jason Zimmerman, Planner
SUBJECT: Solar Energy Systems Zoning Code Amendment – 2nd Reading
DATE: February 18, 2025

OVERVIEW:

In anticipation of a permit application for a solar farm, staff reviewed the zoning requirements for Solar Energy Systems. Two areas were identified as potentially requiring updates to better position the City to manage solar farms. These include requirements for ground cover under and around the solar panels, as well as the process for collecting securities to cover the cost of eventual decommissioning.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

The City Council reviewed and approved the 1st reading of Ordinance 344 at their February 3, 2025 meeting. Based on this approval, Staff has prepared a 2nd reading of Ordinance 344 and a summary resolution allowing for publication by summary for Council's review. The following timeline will apply:

- February 3 – 1st Reading
- February 18 – 2nd Reading
- February 21 – Published for Comment
- March 21 – Effective

Suggested Motions:

1. Move to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 344 approving the Zoning Code amendments pertaining to solar energy systems as presented by Staff.
2. Move to approve Summary Resolution 2025-13 authorizing publication of Ordinance 344 by summary.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Solar Energy System Ordinance 344 – 2nd Reading
2. Draft Resolution 2025-13 authorizing publication by summary