

ORDINANCE 20-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CALAMUS, IOWA 2012 BY AMENDING TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 11 DESIGNATED BUILDING AND LAND USE DISTRICT REGULATION

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Calamus, Iowa:

6-11-27 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS. The provisions of this Section apply to the placement, construction and use of "solar energy systems" as defined in this chapter.

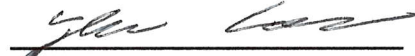
- (1) Solar energy systems shall be allowed in the City of Calamus as permitted use if it meets the conditions in this ordinance.
- (2) Freestanding unit(s) shall only be allowed in a rear yard location and shall meet all rear yard setback requirements as an accessory building or structure (6-11-24). Maximum height for freestanding unit shall be 15 feet.
- (3) Attached systems can be attached to a principal building, accessory building, or accessory structure, but must follow minimum yard setback requirements (Title VI Chapter 11).
- (4) Roof mounted system panels (other than flat solar panels) shall only be located on the rear side of a roof facing and shall be no more in height than five feet above the peak of the roof and/or shall not exceed total height of subject zoning district property is located.
- (5) Flat roof system panels shall be allowed on a front and/or side roof facing only if they are mounted flat against the roof surface or incorporated into roofing surface material.
- (6) System shall be secured from climbing or unauthorized access.
- (7) If system is nonfunctional or inoperative for a continuous one-year time period it shall be deemed abandoned and shall be required to be removed within 90 days.
- (8) System shall have non-reflective and neutral color with no advertising or logos on system panels and/or supporting structure other than a small identification of the manufacturer.
- (9) All electric circuits shall be underground or in conduits attached to structures.
- (10) System shall comply with adopted building and fire codes and all other applicable state and federal regulations.
- (11) Any solar energy system installed prior to this ordinance will be considered "grandfathered" and can remain on the property until removed.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council on the 4th day of May, 2020, and approved this 4th day of May, 2020.


Tyler Leibold, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 20-16 on the 16th day of May, 2020.


Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk