

MONMOUTH ILLINOIS

Date: April 26, 2023

To: The Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator

RE: Solar Energy Systems Regulations Ordinance

The Administration has removed Ordinance No. 23-007 from the City Council meeting agenda for Monday, May 1, 2023. The more research that staff is undertaking relative to the municipal regulation of solar energy systems for both residential and commercial/industrial buildings, the more that has been discovered that the proposed ordinance may not necessarily govern the installation of solar energy systems in a fair and reasonable manner.

Additionally, there are state legislative actions that must now be taken into consideration when administering local solar energy regulations that require further research and study. It is more important to ensure that the proper regulations be adopted than to hastily adopt an ordinance that imposes arbitrary restrictions and/or are difficult to administer.

As such, it would be appropriate to bring forth a well-reasoned ordinance at a later date to avoid confusion or conflict in the future with respect to the proper installation of modern solar energy systems on residential and commercial buildings.