

On motion by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, the following ordinance was introduced:

ORDINANCE 1501

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 – Building and Construction Regulations, Article II. Special Building Regulations, Division I. – Generally, to add Section 10-50 Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and Solar Panels.

WHEREAS, the City of Westwego has a duty to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide regulations for the construction of solar panels and their related systems upon properties within the City of Westwego.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Westwego, Louisiana, acting as full governing authority of said city, that:

Chapter 10 – Building and Construction Regulations, Article II. Special Building Regulations, Division I. – Generally, is hereby amended to add Section 10-50 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Westwego, Louisiana, to read as follows:

Chapter 10 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS

Article II. Special Building Regulations

DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY

Section 10-50 Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and Solar Panels;

- (a) The installation, inspection, maintenance, repair, replacement and construction of Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and Solar Panels shall be in accordance with NFPA1, NFPA70 and IRC for Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems. The applicable standards as referenced in the most recent edition are to be included for the purpose of regulation and construction of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and Solar Panels within the City of Westwego. In addition, all panels must have installed a disconnect after and at its closest proximity to the array and provide for solar array firefighter pathways.
- (b) No Photovoltaic (PV) System or Solar Panel(s) shall be constructed or installed without a permit approved by the chief building official, electrical inspector and the chief fire official for the City of Westwego.

Provided that a majority of the City of Westwego Council have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law at midnight on the tenth day following the Clerk's presentment of the same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(C)(2) unless the Mayor returns the same, unsigned, to the Clerk during that ten-day period.

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval and signature by the Mayor in accordance with LSA-R.S.33:406(E).

After a public hearing was held on the above Ordinance, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Councilman Warino, and seconded by Councilman Toups, to adopt the Ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared this ordinance duly adopted today, Monday, December 8, 2014.

John I. Shaddinger, Jr., Mayor

Michelle A. Norris, City Clerk

I certify that I presented this ordinance to the Mayor on December 9, 2014.

Michelle A. Norris, City Clerk

I acknowledge receipt of this ordinance from the City Clerk on December 9, 2014.

John I. Shaddinger, Jr., Mayor

I hereby ☐Approve/☐Veto this ordinance today, December 9, 2014.

John I. Shaddinger, Jr., Mayor

I certify that I received this ordinance from the Mayor on December 9, 2014.

Michelle A. Norris, City Clerk