

**AMENDMENTS TO BELFAST CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 66, GENERAL PROVISIONS (DEFINITIONS)  
AMENDMENTS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

**Editor's Note:** All language proposed to be added to the Ordinance is shown in black underlined font. Text shown in ~~black strike-through font~~ is proposed to be deleted from the Ordinance. All language shown simply in black font is existing language in the Ordinance. The Ordinance amendment only identifies language in Chapter 66, General Provisions, that is proposed to be amended. (See attached text of adopted amendments).

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## CHAPTER 66, GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Chapter 66. General Provisions

#### Sec. 66-1. Definitions.

- (a) The purpose of this section is to provide a list of terms and their meanings so as to assist applicants and others in understanding the terms used in subpart B, Land Use Regulations. Unless incorporated by reference in another chapter or another city ordinance, the definitions in this section are not controlling.

Further, definitions that are unique to a specific Chapter of Subpart B, Land Use Regulations, can typically be found in that specific Chapter or rather than this Chapter. Definitions are included in each of the following Chapters:

- 1) Chapter 74, Building and Building Regulations;
- 2) Chapter 78, Floods;
- 3) Chapter 82, Shoreland;
- 4) Chapter 86, Signs;
- 5) Chapter 90, Site Plan;
- 6) Chapter 94, Subdivisions;
- 7) Chapter 98, Technical Standards; and
- 8) Chapter 102, Zoning, Article VIII, Supplementary District Regulations, Divisions 5, 7 ~~and 8, and 9~~, and Chapter 102, Zoning, Article X, Contract Rezoning. (For example, Division 8 includes terms related to the regulation of medical marijuana, and Division 9 includes terms related to the regulation of solar energy systems.)

Applicants and others are encouraged to consult the other chapters of subpart B, Land Use Regulations, for a list of terms and their meanings that may apply to a specific chapter.

- (b) In the interpretation and enforcement of subpart B, all words shall carry their customary dictionary meanings. For the purpose of subpart B, certain words and terms are defined as follows:
- (1) City means The City of Belfast.
  - (2) Municipal officers means the City Council.
  - (3) Tense and number. Words used in the present tense include the future tense. Words used in the singular include the plural, and words used in the plural include the singular.
  - (4) Shall, may. The word "shall" is always mandatory; the word "may" is permissive.
  - (5) Person. Includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation, or other legal entity, as well as an individual.
  - (6) Lot. The word "lot" includes the words "plot", "property", and "parcel."
  - (7) Building. The word "building" includes the word "structure."
- (c) The following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning

Solar Energy System. A solar energy system whose primary purpose is to harvest energy by transforming solar energy into another form of energy or transferring heat from a collector to another medium using mechanical, electrical, or chemical means.

Solar Energy System, Ground-Mounted. An Active Solar Energy System that is structurally mounted to the ground and is not roof-mounted; may be of any size (small, medium, or large-scale).

Solar Energy System, Large-Scale. A Solar Energy System whose physical size based on total airspace projected over the ground is equal to or greater than 4 acres (174,240 square feet).

Solar Energy System, Medium-Scale. A Solar Energy System whose physical size based on total airspace projected over the ground is equal to or greater than 20,000 square feet but less than 4 acres (174,240 square feet). (Reference exception to this definition identified in Sec 102-461 for zoning districts located in the Inside the Bypass area).

Solar Energy System, Roof-Mounted. A Solar Energy System that is mounted on the roof of a building or structure; may be of any size, small, medium, or large-scale.

Solar Energy System, Small-Scale. A Solar Energy System whose physical size based on total airspace projected over the ground is less than 20,000 square feet. A small-scale system typically is an accessory use to a principal use on the property.