

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE), ARTICLE XLV (SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN USES), SECTION 126-335 ENTITLED RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO PERMIT RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES ON DETACHED RESIDENTIAL GARAGES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bridgewater desire to promote the usage of clean energy whenever feasible; and

WHEREAS, in response to resident inquiries, amendments to the Township's Land Use ordinance to permit solar panels on residential detached garages present such an opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 126, Article XLV of the Municipal Code of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, is hereby modified through this amendment to Section 126-335 entitled Renewable Energy Facilities so as to permit renewable energy facilities on detached residential garages.

SECTION I.

Section 126-335(B)(1) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

~~Subject to the singular exception of renewable energy facilities placed on accessory buildings located on preserved farmland property as articulated in § 126-335(B)(7) below, Roof-mounted solar and photovoltaic facilities;~~ **are hereby designated** as an accessory use; **and** are permitted, **subject to the requirements of this Chapter, in all zones on principal buildings, on detached residential garages, and on accessory buildings located on preserved farmland property as authorized pursuant to §126-335(B)(7)** ~~subject to requirements as provided herein.~~

SECTION II. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION III. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner provided by law.

Adopted: March 18, 2019

Effective: April 9, 2019