## TOWN OF WESTFIELD WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-32

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

**WHEREAS,** the Town has adopted certain regulations related to the erection and operation of solar energy systems in all zone districts in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield support the use of alternative energy systems, including the use of solar collectors and solar energy systems, and is desirous of allowing such systems throughout the Town of Westfield; and

**WHEREAS,** to further encourage the use of solar energy systems, the Mayor and Town Council deem it necessary and appropriate to make certain changes to the ordinance, to further encourage clean energy uses in the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, as follows:

**Section I**. The following subsections contained in §13.07, Article 13, of the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, shall be deleted in their entirety, with remaining subsections renumbered accordingly:

- A. 13.07(B)(12), relating to the definition of Solar Production Ratio (SPR).
- B. 13.07(E)(2)(d)(1)(a), relating to requirement that an applicant seeking to construct a front-facing solar energy system provide the certification of a professional engineer or similarly qualified individual that a front-facing roof is the only roof that would generate an SPR of at least 1.0.
- C. 13.07(E)(2)(d)(3), relating to the prohibition of the installation of a solar energy system on a front-facing roof unless no other roof would generate an SPR of at least 1.0.

**Section II.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

**Section III.** If any section, provision, or part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

**Section IV.** This Ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a Regular Meeting held on November 8, 2023.

Maureen Lawshe, RMC Town Clerk