

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FRANCIS NO. 127

BYLAW NO. 2019-12

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Francis No. 127, in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

Bylaw No. 2012-03, the Zoning Bylaw, of the Rural Municipality of Francis No. 127 is hereby amended to recognize "Solar Farms" as a discretionary use in the AR – Agricultural Resource Zoning District by the following;

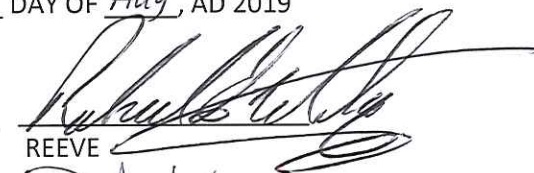
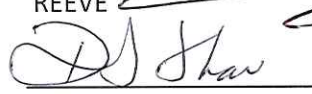
1. To amend Section 2 "Definitions" of the Zoning Bylaw by adding the definition of "Solar Farms" as follows: An array of multiple solar collectors (photovoltaic) on ground mounted racks or poles that transmit solar energy and is the primary land use of the parcel on which it is located.
2. To amend Section 7.0 Agricultural Resource District (AR) of the Zoning Bylaw by adding to Section 7.2 Discretionary Uses clause 7.2 (y) Solar Farms.
3. To Add Section 7.11 SOLAR FARMS
Solar Farms may be considered for a discretionary use for the purpose of generating power for onsite use or to sell to electrical grid and shall be subject to the following development standards:
 - a) Must meet minimum discretionary use site size of 1 hectare (2.54 acres)
 - b) Maximum Height shall be less than 4.6 metres (15 feet) high.
 - c) Setbacks from roadways shall adhere to minimum setback of 45 metres from centre line of a municipal road; however, Council may by Resolution allow a reduced distance based on physical circumstances of site.
 - d) Setbacks from adjacent properties shall be the minimum of 15 metres (50 feet) as per Zoning Bylaw, however with adjacent property owners consent this may be reduced to a minimum of 3.0 metres (10 feet) from property line of neighboring agricultural parcel, except where a residence or other permitted use in the Zoning Bylaw has a specific setback requirement to avoid land use incompatibility.
 - e) Maximum site coverage shall not apply to Solar Farms.
 - f) A security fence shall be required around the perimeter to prevent access to solar equipment, and for safety of electrical components.
 - g) Council may require a landscaping or buffering plan to minimize impact on adjacent property or to insure visibility for road safety.
 - h) Sound levels shall not exceed sixty- five (65) dBA.
 - i) Environmental screening by relevant agencies and all necessary permits and permissions shall be obtained.
 - j) Telecommunication interference should also be addressed by project proposal.
 - k) Reclamation plan should also be part of project proposal.

READ THE FIRST TIME THIS 11th DAY OF July, AD 2019

READ THE SECOND TIME THIS 8th DAY OF Aug, AD 2019

READ THE THIRD TIME THIS 8th DAY OF Aug, AD 2019




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ADMINISTRATOR



Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 2019-12
Passed by resolution of Council of the Rural Municipality of Francis No. 127
on the 8th day of Aug, 2019.


Administrator



