

Legislative Committee January 12, 2026

Review of St Charles Parish Solar Energy System regulations with consideration to LA State Act 279 of 2025 and reference to Tangipahoa Parish Tangipahoa Sec 36-224, Supp. No. 3, Update 2.

The review document entitled "High Level Comparison LA State – St Charles Parish-Tangipahoa Parish Most Important Issues for Solar Generation Power Plant Regulations is used in this committee meeting for discussion.

Importantly, SCP has separate regulations for large and small Solar Energy Systems – LSES and SSES. SSES regulations are intended as additional permitting regulations and requirements for an already permitted accessory use to any primary permitted use. Only LSES regulations are under review in this meeting, SSES will not be amended.

Siting issues of greatest concern for amendment with respect to other regulations are:

- Minimum acreage for a solar facility

- Setbacks of equipment from:

 - boundary lines of property to generation equipment

 - from navigable waterways

 - from paved public roads

- Height of Equipment restrictions

- Perimeter buffers

 - New vegetative and natural vegetative buffers allowed

 - Review of buffer definitions in general

 - Shielding from View

- Stamped plans for Landscaping

- Sign regulations

- Security Fencing

- Noise Limits

- Lighting and Glare restrictions

- Stormwater regulations

- Wildlife impact mitigation

- Livestock grazing and agricultural use allowance

