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## Planning & Zoning Frequently Asked Questions for Solar Installations

- 1) **When is a solar permit required?** The Building Department requires a permit for all solar installations. The Zoning Department will only require a permit for residential ground mount arrays. Roof top arrays will not require a zoning permit application.
- 2) **What forms are need for a zoning permit application for a ground mount array?** The one page, New Structure Permit Application and a zoning site plan shall be submitted for a zoning permit.
- 3) **How do I complete a site plan?** A site plan can be drawn in two ways. 1) You can use a blank sheet of paper to draw the property boundaries, show the proposed location of the array on the site plan, use directional arrows to show the distance in lineal feet to each property line. 2) You can use the Pulaski County GIS to print an image of your property, show the proposed location of the solar array, show the lineal feet in all directions to the property line.
- 4) **What setbacks apply to ground mounted solar arrays?** Residential ground mounted arrays are considered accessory structures. Each zone district lists the setbacks for accessory structures in the [Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance](#).
- 5) **Where can I find the [Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance](#)?** The ordinance and zoning application forms are available at Pulaskicounty.org at the Planning & Zoning Department.
- 6) **How do I determine which zone district I am in?** The Pulaskicounty.org website hosts the zoning map at the GIS Department page. Once you open the map, you can search for your site by using an address or a tax map number. Turn the zoning layer on. The legend describes what zoning district is affiliated with each color. For example yellow is Low-Density Residential Zone District.

The Planning & Zoning Department is available to assist you Monday-Friday from 8 A:M to 5 P:M. Call 540-980-7710 or email [mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org)