

Person County Economic Development Commission
Meeting Location: Kirby Cultural Arts Complex
213 North Main Street
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Agenda

4:00 PM	1. Welcome	Mr. G. Phillip Allen, Chairman
4:00 PM	2. Invocation	Mr. Dale Reynolds, Vice Chairman
4:02 PM	3. Approval of the November 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes	Mr. G. Phillip Allen, Chairman
Motion:	Request Motion to Approve the November 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented	
4:03 PM	4. Officer Nomination and Vote	Mrs. Sherry Wilborn, ED Director
	a. Chair	
	b. Vice-Chair	
	c. Secretary	
4:08 PM	5. Director's Report	Ms. Sherry Wilborn, ED Director
4:16 PM	6. Member and Ex Officio Comments	Led By Newly Elected Chairman
4:26 PM	7. Chairman's Report	Newly Elected Chairman
4:30 PM	8. Next Meeting - February 22, 2022 4:00 p.m. Person County EDC Board Room 303 S. Morgan St. Roxboro, NC	Newly Elected Chairman
4:30 PM	9. Adjournment	Newly Elected Chairman
Motion:	Request Motion to Adjourn	

**Minutes of the PCEDC Meeting
Person County Economic Development Boardroom
303 S. Morgan St., Roxboro, NC 27573
November 23, 2021**

Voting Board Members Present:

Mr. Phillip Allen-Chairman
The Honorable Gordon Powell
Mr. Dale Reynolds-Vice Chairman

Mr. Danny Talbert
Mr. Donald Long
Mr. Ernie Wood

Voting Board Members Absent:

Mr. Kenneth Perry
The Honorable Meryllyn Newell-Secretary

Ex Officios Present:

Mr. Brooks Lockhart, City Manager
Dr. Claudia Berryhill, Agricultural Representative
Dr. Pamela Senegal, PCC Representative

Ms. Heidi York, County Manager
Dr. Rodney Peterson, PCS Superintendent

ED Staff Present:

Mrs. Sherry Wilborn, ED Director
Mr. Michael Thibault, Assistant ED Director
Mrs. Brandy Lynch, ED Senior
Administrative Support
(Minutes)

Others Present:

Mr. George Willoughby
Ms. Lori Oakley
Mr. Bo Freeman
The Honorable Derrick Sims
Mrs. Samantha Bagbey
Mr. Kelly Snow
Mr. John Wagstaff

EDC Welcome and Invocation:

1. At 4:01 p.m., Chairman Allen called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. Dale Reynolds gave the invocation.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

3. Mr. Allen turns the floor to Donald Long for review of the consent agenda.

A motion was made seconded and unanimously passed for approval of the October 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Donald Long

Second: Dale Reynolds

A motion was made seconded and unanimously passed for approval of the 2022 Meeting Schedule

Motion: Donald Long

Second: Phillip Allen

Review of Draft Solar Ordinance:

4. Chairman Allen turns the floor over to Sherry Wilborn to begin the review of the draft solar ordinance.

Wilborn reminds the board it has been approximately 18 months since they have last reviewed the solar ordinance, explaining the county is under a moratorium right now. The county's planning director has been asked to make some modifications. Wilborn highlights some changes to the ordinance: a reduction of the depth of the buffer with the simultaneous increase of the height, more closely monitored decommissioning, and what decommissioning entails. From an economic development standpoint, Wilborn hopes the Person County Commissioners and the planning board consider that companies are now looking for greener energy sources. Wilborn turns the floor over to Lori Oakley, Person County Planning Director.

Lori Oakley's presentation will be included in the minutes.

Oakley notes the current solar ordinance was adopted in October 2020. Oakley reviews the proposed changes. After the Person County Commissioners imposed this current moratorium, Oakley started to review solar ordinances statewide; she also met with multiple Person County departments for input.

Ms. Oakley fielded board questions.

Information gathered from the question and answer session was:

- There are no size limitations on a solar farm at this time. The county attorney is looking into that possibility
- County staff will do the yearly inspections
- The parcel of land has to be restored to the original state
- Industry is allowed to use solar as an accessory, for example Polywood
- The counties that Ms. Oakley reached out to did not restrict the size of solar farms
- Environmental county staff recommended 100ft setback from wells

Board members thanked Ms. Oakley for her presentation, time, and effort.

Ms. Oakley noted this plan would go to the planning board in the December meeting, then to the Person County Commissioners in January.

Director's Report:

Sherry Wilborn's presentation was included in the minutes.

5. Wilborn noted that on November 18, the North Carolina State Budget was signed into law. Wilborn turns the floor over to The Honorable Gordon Powell for more information on the budget.

The Honorable Gordon Powell explained in 2017, a runway extension at Raleigh Regional Airport was included in the master plan. Notice was given in the last year that the Department of Transportation had pulled the project. At that time Commissioner Powell began a letter writing campaign. The recently passed North Carolina budget includes a 12-million-dollar line item for the runway extension at Raleigh Regional Airport. Commissioner Powell is encouraged by the information he has received, including a start date long before 2029.

Wilborn mentions she is aware of a large project that is being reported coming to North Carolina. She explains, if North Carolina lands any project it is a win for Person County as well. In comparing and contrasting the projects of this nature, most require rail. The Person County Mega Park does not have rail; rail could be brought to the site, but that would require additional time. Wilborn reminds the board the Person County Mega Park has a different target industry.

Wilborn informed the board she has received another public records request. The last public records request took her eight days to work on.

At the conclusion of the Director's Report, Wilborn played the new video RTRP developed for the region's workforce training.

Member and Ex Officio Comments:

6. Dr. Berryhill encouraged the board to review the tourism report that was shared with the Person County Commissioners at their November meeting. For 2019-2020 Person County brought in \$35.2 million in tourism. She also notes farming supplies has increased by 30%.

Dr. Senegal announced the departure of Jody Blackwell. Jody will be joining Corning. Piedmont Community College has entered into a two plus two agreement with three more North Carolina colleges. She also thanked the state for passing a budget.

Ms. York notes the county is still reviewing the budget, noting this budget is good for rural counties and broadband. York updates the board on the progress of the new hangar at Raleigh Regional Airport.

Brooks Lockhart informed the board the N. Main St. Parking lot repaving has been delayed due until the spring of 2022, and the Madison Blvd project is still scheduled for 2025. Lockhart notes Morgan Street now has a new speed limit and the announcements of two public private partnerships should be announced in the coming weeks. The Western Sewer project right of way acquisition process has begun. Lockhart thanks the county for their assistance in getting fiber to remote City of Roxboro facilities.

Mr. Reynolds congratulated Piedmont Community College on their recognition in the Triangle Business Journal.

Mr. Wood wished the board a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Chairman's Report:

7. Chairman Allen was invited to speak on the Task Force findings at the Person County Commissioners' meeting that was held on November 15. He along with officials from the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Uptown Roxboro Group, and Person County Tourism were on hand to speak. Mr. Allen noted the comments he made were his own.

Mr. Allen provided a few highlights from his speech

- Allen provided praise to the Economic Development Director and the Economic Development Board on the work they have done
- Allen noted what a "big deal" the Polywood expansion was to the county
- Allen expressed the importance of the new corporate hangar

Mr. Allen opens the floor to the board for comments.

Mr. Reynolds commends Chairman Allen on his presentation. Reynolds stated the Economic Development Task Force was approved by the EDC months ago, the EDC even put off plans waiting to hear the results of the Task Force. He feels the EDC has not gained anything from the Task Force and some community members took the report negatively. Reynolds thanks the Task Force, but wished the EDC could have gotten more from them.

The Honorable Gordon Powell thanked the Task Force and stated we needed to go forward from here. He believes private funding is important. Commissioner Powell notes the board talked about a non-profit years ago. Powell stated we could continue to work with the ED Task Force to form a plan.

Chairman Allen expressed the importance of funding.

Mr. Wood noted he was disturbed by the fact so many people seem to be pulling against the EDC. He noted there was no self-interest on the board. The disagreements pull the community apart. Wood stated he has gained knowledge being on the board and the issues the EDC is facing make the community look bad. Wood stated it is not Sherry Wilborn's fault, noting she works as hard as she can. Wood noted it is not the board's fault either, but if people don't start working together, no company will come to Person County.

Next Meeting:

8. The next meeting, was announced as January 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Person County EDC Board Room 303 S. Morgan St. Roxboro, NC.

Adjournment:

9. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:14 p.m.

Motion: Dale Reynolds

Second: Danny Talbert

Date Approved

Secretary

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PERSON COUNTY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM ORDINANCE

Adopted by the Person County Board of Commissioners on the 5th Day of October, 2020.

Revised by the Person County Board of Commissioners on the ___ day of _____, 2021

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Date of Adoption: October 5th, 2020

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ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Title

- a) This document shall be known and cited as “Person County Solar Energy System Ordinance”.

1.2 Purpose

- a) The purpose of this ordinance is to facilitate the construction, installation, and operation of solar energy systems (SES) in Person County in a manner that promotes economic development, preserves the dignity and aesthetics of the environment in Person County, and ensures the protection of health, safety, and welfare while also avoiding adverse impacts to important areas such as agricultural lands. This ordinance is not intended to replace safety, health, or environmental requirements contained in other applicable codes, standards, or ordinances. The provisions of this ordinance shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state, or federal law.

1.3 Authority and Grant of Power

- a) This ordinance is adopted under the authority and provisions of the General Statute of North Carolina, Chapter 153A Article 18. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to conflict with or supersede any provision of the General Statute of North Carolina Chapter 153A.

1.4 Jurisdiction and Applicability

- a) The regulations contained herein shall govern development of land within Person County, North Carolina as provided in General Statute 153A, Article 18, except those lands lying within jurisdiction of any municipality, unless such municipality shall have by resolution requesting the County enforce these regulations within the municipality’s area of jurisdiction.
- b) Solar energy systems established prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall remain exempt except if major modifications to an existing solar energy systems are proposed and require a new Special Use Permit to be issued by the Board of Commissioners. The modified area of the SES permitted under the new Special Use Permit shall be subject to the conditions of this ordinance. Maintenance and repair are not subject to this ordinance.

1.5 Definitions

- a) Abandonment: Any solar energy system that ceases to produce energy on a continuous basis for twelve (12) months will be considered abandoned.
- b) Accessory Equipment: Any equipment serving or being used in conjunction with a solar energy system. The term includes utility or transmission equipment, power supplies, generators, batteries, equipment buildings, and storage sheds, shelters, or similar structures.
- c) Decommissioning Plan: A document that details the planned shut down and removal of a solar energy system from operation or use.
- d) Major Modification: Any change which would require findings of fact or evidence in addition to those in the record of the public hearing for the original Special Use Permit, or subsequent modifications, if any. By way of example, but not of limitation, any of the following shall constitute a major modification requiring an application to be resubmitted in accordance with applicable ordinance provisions:
 - 1. Significant changes in the zoning lot's boundaries, unless the purposes of this ordinance or of the County's plan for the comprehensive development of the area within which the lot is located are satisfied to an equivalent or greater degree. Significant change in the boundaries of the site if public purposes are not satisfied to an equivalent or greater degree;
 - 2. A change in the use approved;
 - 3. Significant changes in the location of principal and/or accessory structures and/or uses;
 - 4. Structural alterations significantly affecting the basic size, form, style, ornamentation, and appearance of principal and/or accessory structures as shown in the plan;
 - 5. Significant changes in pedestrian or vehicular access or circulation
 - 6. Significant changes in the amount or location of required landscape screening if an alternate proposal does not provide the same or greater degree.
- e) Property Owner: The person(s), entity, or company having fee simple ownership of the property where the solar energy system is located.
- f) Solar Array: An active solar energy system that converts sunlight into electricity using either Thermal or photovoltaic methods. Such a system has multiple solar collectors, and might include transformers, generators, batteries, and other appurtenant structures and/or facilities.
- g) Solar Collector or Solar Panel: A device that converts sunlight into electricity using either thermal or photovoltaic methods.

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- h) Solar Energy System: The components and subsystems required to convert solar energy into electric or thermal energy suitable for use. The area of the system includes all the land inside the perimeter of the system, which extends to any fencing. Area restrictions are based on the acreage of panels. The term applies, but is not limited to, solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, solar thermal systems, and solar hot water systems. A system fits into one of three system types: Level 1 SES, Level 2 SES, and Level 3 SES.
1. Level 1 Solar Energy System (SES) – Includes the following in all Person County Zoning Districts:
 - i. Roof-mounted on any code-compliant structure.
 - ii. Ground mounted less than 1/2 acre.
 - iii. Covering permanent parking lots and other hardscape areas.
 - iv. Building integrated solar (i.e., shingle, hanging solar, canopy, etc.).
 2. Level 2 Solar Energy System (SES) – Ground mounted systems greater than or equal to ½ acre and less than ten (10) acres in all Person County Zoning Districts.
 3. Level 3 Solar Energy System (SES) – Ground mounted systems greater than or equal to ten (10) acres in all Person County Zoning Districts.

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ARTICLE 2. SITE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS (REV. X/X/X)

2.1 General Regulations

Solar energy systems are permitted in Person County as follows:

Table 2.1 General Regulations for Solar Energy Systems in Person County					
XP = Permitted Use ; SSUP = Special Use Permit (or Conditional District Rezoning) ; X (left blank) = Prohibited					
	Residential (R)	Highway Commercial (B-1)	Neighborhood Shopping (B-2)	General Industrial (GI)	Rural Conservation (RC)
Level 1	XP	XP	XP	XP	XP
Level 2	SSUP	SSUP	SSUP	SSUP	SSUP
Level 3	X	SSUP	X	SSUP	SSUP

Commented [SW1]: Changes in this section include new abbreviations for uses. Under this revision, Level 3 solar will not be allowed in Residential and B-2 Neighborhood shopping areas and will require a special use permit in all other districts.

2.2 Setbacks

Setbacks for solar energy systems are measured from the nearest solar panel to the nearest ~~dwelling~~ property line and/or right-of-way line. Setbacks for solar energy systems in Person County as follows:

Table 2.2 Setback Requirements for Solar Energy Systems in Person County					
(left blank) X = Prohibited					
	Residential (R)	Highway Commercial (B-1)	Neighborhood Shopping (B-2)	General Industrial (GI)	Rural Conservation (RC)
Level 1	Per District Regulations contained in Person County Planning Ordinance				
Level 2 *	150300'	150300'	150300'	150300'	150300'
Level 3 *	X	150300'	X	150300'	150300'

* ~~At a minimum, all properties shall provide the full buffer width of 150' per Section 2.4 Buffers and Landscaping. All solar energy systems shall be separated by a minimum distance of 300' from all residential dwellings, as measured from the nearest solar panel to the nearest dwelling. In addition, all solar energy systems shall be separated by a minimum distance of 100' from the nearest well.~~

Commented [SW2]: Changes in this section include setbacks being determined by property lines and rights-of-way instead of dwellings. Where allowed, setbacks have been reduced from 300' to 150', as long as this will provide for a minimum distance of 300' from solar panels to dwellings. There must also be a minimum distance of 100' from solar systems to wells.

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EXCEPTION: Where a solar energy system facility is located on multiple contiguous lots of record in separate ownership, the building setback and buffer requirement shall apply only to the exterior perimeter of the project boundaries surrounding the facility and not the interior property boundaries within the facility. A written waiver signed by the property owner(s) shall be required.

2.3 Height

- a) For Level 1 roof mounted systems, height is limited to the applicable district regulation. The height of Level 1, 2, and 3 ground mounted systems shall be measured from the highest natural grade below each solar panel. For ground mounted systems, panel height shall not exceed 15' in all districts. Poles and wires reasonably necessary to connect to public electric utilities for all solar energy systems shall not be subject to this requirement.

2.4 Buffers and Landscaping

- a) Level 1 systems shall be exempt from buffering and landscaping requirements.
- b) Solar collectors, accessory equipment, and associated outside storage for Level 2 and 3 systems shall be completely screened with a ~~150'~~ 100' vegetative buffer from view from all property and right-of-way lines. Buffers shall include at a minimum, evergreen shrubs and a combination of deciduous and evergreen trees as follows:
 - 1. Every 500 square feet of buffer shall include one evergreen or deciduous tree that shall be a minimum of ~~3'~~ 6' at planting and have a minimum height of 15' within 3 years and spread (for the deciduous trees) of at least 30' within 10 years; and,
 - 2. 5 evergreen shrubs, or 3 evergreens and 2 deciduous shrubs, that shall be a minimum of 3' at planting and have a height and spread of at least 5' in 10 years.
 - 3. Existing vegetation may be counted toward the required plantings when identified on a landscape plan and certified by an arborist, landscape architect, landscape designer. Plants identified for the buffer must be protected from all land disturbing activities and construction at a distance equal to the drip line of the plant(s) to be used toward the buffer.

2.5 Aviation Notification

- a) Level 1 systems shall be exempt from aviation notification requirements.

Commented [SW3]: Changes in this section reduce the width of the buffer from 150' to 100', while increasing the height at planting from 3' to 6'. This change is intended to allow for a more immediate visual screen while easing the unintended consequence of needing a larger land requirement for solar systems builds.

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- b) For all Level 2 and 3 systems, a map analysis showing a radius of five (5) nautical miles from the center of the solar energy system with any airport operations within this area highlighted shall be submitted with the initial application.
1. For systems not containing airport operations within five (5) nautical miles from the center of the solar energy system, attach map analysis results to permit application.
 2. For systems containing airport operations within five (5) nautical miles from the center of the solar energy system, the following items must be included with the permit application:
 - i. Map analysis results.
 - ii. Determination of whether the airport is in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
 - iii. Documentation/certification that the project will not interfere with airport/aircraft communications systems.
 - iv. Proof of delivery of notification, date of delivery, and response(s) for the following documents:
 - a) For consideration of potential impacts to low altitude military flight paths, notification of intent to construct the solar energy system shall be sent to

2.5 b Aviation Notification Continued

the NC Commanders Council at least ~~30~~45 days before the Special Use Permit / Conditional Rezoning hearing for Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems and at least 45 days before starting construction for all other Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems. Notification shall include location of solar energy system (i.e. map, coordinates, address, or parcel ID), technology (i.e. roof-mounted PV, ground mounted fixed PV, tracked PV, solar thermal, etc.), and the area of the system (e.g. 5 acres).

- b) ~~If requested, a~~ full report for each flight path and observation point, as well as the contact information for the Planning Director, shall be sent to the authority indicated below at least ~~45~~30 days before the Special Use Permit / Conditional District Rezoning hearing for Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems and at least 45 days before starting construction for all other Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems. The latest version of the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) shall be used per its user's manual to evaluate the solar glare aviation hazard. SGHAT can be accessed via the following website: <http://sandia.gov/glare>.

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1. Airport operations at airports in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) within five nautical miles of the center of SES: provide required information to the North Carolina Division of Aviation and Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport District Office (ADO) with oversight of North Carolina and receive responses from those agencies at least 10 business days prior to the hearing. Those responses shall be provided to both the Person County Planning and Zoning Department and the Person County Airport Commission.
 2. Airport operations at airports *not* in the NPIAS, including military airports, within five nautical miles of the center of SES: provide required information to the NC Commanders Council for military airports and to the management of the airport for non-military airports.
- v. Any applicable solar energy system design changes (e.g. module tilt, module reflectivity, etc.) after initial submittal shall be rerun in the SGHAT tool and the new full report shall be sent without undue delay to the contact specified in iii.b. (1) and iii.b. (2) for accurate records of the as-built system.

Commented [SW4]: Changes in this section add 15 additional days of notification to the NC Commanders Council prior to a Special Use Permit hearing for consideration of potential impact to low altitude military flight paths and require a full report for each flight path and observation point. Also added, responses must be received 10 days in advance of the public hearing.

2.6 Decommissioning and Abandonment

- a) Decommissioning and abandonment requirements shall only apply to Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems
 1. Level 1 systems shall be exempt from decommissioning and abandonment requirements.
- b) A solar energy system that ceases to produce energy on a continuous basis for 12 months will be considered abandoned unless the current responsible party (or parties) with ownership interest in the solar energy system provides substantial evidence (updated every six (6) months after 12 months of no energy production) to the Planning Director of the intent to maintain and reinstate the operation of that facility. It is the responsibility of the responsible party (or parties) to remove all equipment and facilities and restore the parcel to its condition prior to development of the solar energy system. Restoration to less than the original condition is acceptable when it is requested in writing by the parcel owner.
- c) At the time of applying for permits, the applicant (solar energy system developer or property owner) shall include a decommissioning plan addressing the following items:

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1. Anticipated life of the solar energy system.
 2. Defined conditions upon which decommissioning will be initiated (i.e. end of land lease, no power production for 12 months, etc.)
 3. Removal of all non-utility owned equipment, conduit, structures, fencing, solar panels, and foundations.
 4. Restoration of property to condition prior to development of the solar energy system.
 5. Timeframe for completion of decommissioning activities, not to exceed one (1) year.
 6. Description and copy of any lease or any other agreement with the property owner regarding decommissioning.
 7. Name and address of person or party responsible for decommissioning.
 8. Plans and schedule for updating the Decommissioning Plan.
 9. A verifiable means of determining if the decommissioning plan needs to be activated due to cessation of use for 365 days, such as a letter from the electric utility stating that it will notify the Planning Department within ten (10) business days if electricity is not received from an array within the solar energy system for 365 days.
 10. Estimated decommissioning costs including contingency costs of at least 25% (in current dollars), as provided by an appropriately experienced, North Carolina licensed Engineer, under seal.
- d) Prior to the issuance of a zoning compliance certificate, the county must receive a performance guarantee in favor of the county in an amount equal to 1.25 times the estimated decommissioning cost as determined by a North Carolina licensed engineer. The performance guarantee must be satisfactory to the Planning Director and may include a performance bond, irrevocable letter of credit, cash deposit or other surety approved by the Planning Director and County Attorney. Following initial submittal of the performance guarantee, the cost calculation for decommissioning shall be reviewed every five (5) years, and adjusted accordingly based upon an updated estimate of a North Carolina licensed Engineer under seal, of the estimated decommissioning costs. Failure to comply with any requirement of this section shall result in the immediate termination and revocation of all prior approvals and permits; further, the County shall be entitled to make immediate demand upon, and/or retain any proceeds of, the surety, which shall be used for decommissioning and/or removal of the solar energy system, even if still operational.

Commented [SW5]: Revisions to this section require a routine evaluation for the cost calculation for decommissioning to be done every 5 years.

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ARTICLE 3. LEGAL PROVISIONS (REV. X/X/X)

3.1 Procedure for Solar Energy System Development Approval

- a) After the effective date of this ordinance, no proposed solar energy system as defined in this ordinance and within Person County's jurisdiction shall proceed with construction until it has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Director or his/her designee and as evidenced by an approved Person County Zoning Permit in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- b) Existing SES developments are governed under the Planning Ordinance regulations in place prior to the effective date of this ordinance unless a major modification as defined by this ordinance is proposed and requires a new Special Use Permit to be issued. If a new Special Use Permit is required, the SES will be required to meet the provisions of this Ordinance.
- c) Level 1 Solar Energy Systems as Permitted Uses

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Level 1 solar energy systems allowed as permitted uses must meet the applicable height, setback, , and related district standards. Level 1 solar energy systems must complete the following for approval:

1. Approval from Person County Environmental Health or the City of Roxboro Public Works.
2. Addressing from Person County GIS.
3. Zoning permit application and site plan for Person County Planning and Zoning. *
4. Building permit application and building plans for Person County Building Inspections.

In addition to general site plan requirements, site plans submitted to Person County Planning and Zoning for Level 1 solar energy systems must show the following:

1. The entire property boundary including existing structures.
2. Planned location of each solar array and accessory equipment.
3. The front, rear, and side setbacks of the solar array and accessory equipment.
4. (If applicable) Required buffer areas with description.
5. A table containing the number, dimensions, height, and type of each proposed solar array including their generating capacity.

*Following completion of construction, Level 1 ground mounted solar energy systems may be required to submit a final as-built survey to the Planning Director. Following approval of the final as-built survey, systems may receive their Certificate of Occupancy.

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d) Level 2 Solar Energy Systems as Permitted Uses

Level 2 solar energy systems allowed as permitted uses must meet the applicable height, setback, aviation notification, and related district standards. Level 2 solar energy systems must complete the following for approval:

1. Approval from Person County Environmental Health or the City of Roxboro Public Works.
2. Addressing from Person County GIS.
3. Zoning permit application and site plan for Person County Planning and Zoning. *
4. Decommissioning Plan submitted to Person County Planning and Zoning.
5. Building permit application and building plans for Person County Building Inspections.

In addition to the standards listed in the Person County Planning Ordinance *Commercial and Industrial Site Plan Requirements*, the site plan submitted to Person County Planning and Zoning must show the following:

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1. Planned location of each solar array and accessory equipment.
2. The front, rear, and side setbacks of the solar array and accessory equipment.
3. (If applicable) Required buffer areas with description.
4. A table containing the number, dimensions, height, and type of each proposed solar array including their generating capacity.

*Level 2 solar energy systems in the Neuse watershed may require additional materials

Following completion of construction, all Level 2 solar energy systems shall submit a final as-built survey to the Planning Director. Following submission and approval of the final as-built survey, Level 2 solar energy systems must receive an approved final zoning inspection performed on-site by the Person County Planning and Zoning Department prior to receiving their Certificate of Occupancy. Properties located in the Neuse watershed may require additional materials prior to receiving their Certificate of Occupancy.

e) Level 2 and 3 Solar Energy Systems Requiring Special Use Permits or Conditional District Rezonings

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Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems requiring Special Use Permits or Conditional District Rezonings must submit a completed Special Use Permit/Conditional District Rezoning Application and site plan to the Person County Planning and Zoning Department*. A copy of all aviation requirements shall also be submitted to the Person County Airport Commission. Applicants may choose to provide a sketch plan to the Planning Administrator ahead of a site plan, as sketch plans do not require much investment and are an opportunity for the Planning Administrator to point out design changes ahead of more expensive site planning.

1. In addition to the standards listed in the Person County Planning Ordinance *Commercial and Industrial Site Plan Requirements*, the site plan submitted to Person County Planning and Zoning must show the following:

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a) A narrative describing the proposed solar energy system, including an overview of the project and estimated megawatt output of the project.

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1-b) Planned location of each solar array and accessory equipment.

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2-c) The front, rear, and side setbacks of the solar array and accessory equipment.

3-d) (If applicable) Required buffer areas with description.

e) A table containing the number, dimensions, height, and type of each proposed solar array including their generating capacity.

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f) Location where wiring is brought together for inter-connection to the system components and/or the local utility power grid, and location of disconnect switch.

g) Location of any onsite battery storage systems/units.

* Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems in the Neuse watershed may require additional materials

2. The following information shall also be included in the submittal for a special use permit or conditional district rezoning application:

a) A copy of the lease agreements with each property owner and any access and utility easements. Lease agreements shall have a provision that describes how the agreement may be renewed. Identifying information, as defined in North Carolina General Statute §14-113.20(b), and proprietary information may be redacted.

b) Evidence that the electrical utility provider has established an agreement/contract with the solar energy system owner to install an interconnected system. Any customer-owned generator (off grid systems) shall be exempt from this requirement.

c) Documentation regarding the type and quantity of battery storage units and configurations, if onsite battery storage systems are to be used. Any battery storage technology that contains PFAS must be noted in the application. If the project intends on using PFAS-containing battery storage technology, a containment plan and a separate decommissioning plan from the plan described below must be submitted for approval. If the battery-decommissioning plan includes recycling as a method for disposition of the spent batteries, the name of the recycling facility permitted to accept PFAS-containing batteries must be provided. If the project does not intend to use PFAS-containing batteries, certification from the battery manufacturer must be provided stating that the batteries used do not contain PFAS.

d) A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment prepared by a duly licensed professional in the State of North Carolina.

e) Fire Prevention and Emergency Response facilities shall be installed by the solar energy system owner and approved by the Person County Fire Marshal to include, at a minimum, the following:

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1. Confirmation that the fire department located in the same fire district as the major solar energy system has or will acquire equipment to contain and extinguish any fire at the solar energy system. Any new equipment requested by the fire district shall be paid for by the major solar energy system owner.

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2. Chemical fire suppressants shall be located and properly stored at each battery storage area and transformer as directed by the County Fire Marshal.
 3. An Emergency Response Plan consistent with all applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines shall be prepared by the solar energy system owner and approved by the County Fire Marshal.
 4. The 50' area in between the edge of the buffer and the panels shall be maintained and inspected on an annual basis (see Section 3.1-i) to ensure that emergency vehicles can adequately access the perimeter of the site.
- f) Other relevant studies, reports, certifications, information, documents and approvals as may be reasonably requested by the County to ensure compliance with this ordinance. Recognizing the unique environmental challenges of a solar energy system, studies that may be required under this paragraph may include but are not limited to the following:
1. Field surveys for all State or Federal listed species that are protected under State or Federal Law;
 2. Geologic reports mapping and describing geological resources such as bedrock outcrops, groundwater recharge zones, seeps, springs and general characterization of groundwater resources;
 3. Surface water resources including wetlands;
 4. Site specific soil surveys to include information on prime farmland soils as classified by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, hydric soils and hydric components of non-hydric soil series, soil erodibility, agricultural suitability and site index for growing timber;
 5. Environmental constraints analysis;
 6. Other studies of the project site, receiving waters, and adjacent or nearby natural and environmental resources as may be requested by any County agency.
- f) Special Use Permit/Conditional District Rezoning applications and site plans shall be submitted in a timely manner so as to allow Person County Planning and Zoning staff adequate time to meet legislative advertising requirements. The Person County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to review the solar energy system Special Use Permit/Conditional District Rezoning. Following review of the application, the Board of Commissioners will render a decision.
- g) Following approval of the Special Use Permit or Conditional District Rezoning, Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems must complete the following for approval:

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1. Approval from Person County Environmental Health or the City of Roxboro Public Works.
2. Addressing from Person County GIS.
3. Zoning permit application and approved site plan for Person County Planning and Zoning.*
4. Decommissioning Plan submitted to Person County Planning and Zoning.
5. Building permit application and building plans for Person County Building Inspections.

* Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems in the Neuse watershed may require additional materials

h) Following completion of construction, all Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems shall submit the following:

1. A final as-built survey shall be submitted to the Planning Director.
2. A letter of certification from a North Carolina licensed engineer indicating that the inverter noise shall not exceed the lower of 3dBA Leg (1 HR) above preconstruction background or 40 Leg (1 HR) dBA, measured at any property line during output that exceeds 95% rated capacity from the facility.

Following submission and approval of the final as-built survey and noise level certification letter, Level 2 and 3 solar energy systems must receive an approved final zoning inspection performed on-site by the Person County Planning and Zoning Department prior to receiving their Certificate of Occupancy. Properties located in the Neuse watershed may require additional materials prior to receiving their Certificate of Occupancy.

h)j) An annual inspection performed by the Planning Director and/or his designee to ensure compliance with the requirements of this ordinance and an inspection fee shall be charged to the owner of the solar energy system as set out in the official fee schedule approved by the Person County Board of Commissioners. Any deficiencies noted shall be corrected upon receipt of notice from the Planning Director, either following the annual inspection or when the deficiency becomes known to the Planning Director or owner of the solar energy system.

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3.2 Penalties for Violations

Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity who constructs, maintains or operates, or who controls the maintenance of a solar energy system in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to prosecution, and if convicted, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500, or by

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imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both, in the discretion of the court. Each day that said solar energy system is constructed, maintained or operated in violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

3.3 Severability

Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court, administrative body, or board, or any other governmental body or board, to be unconstitutional, invalid, preempted, void, or otherwise inapplicable for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional, invalid, preempted, void, or otherwise inapplicable.

3.4 Variance

A variance from the provisions of this Ordinance may be authorized by the Board of Adjustment provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- a) Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the Ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.
- b) The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size, or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.
- c) The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.
- d) The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.

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3.5 Effective Date

This Ordinance is duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Person County, North Carolina this 5th day of October, 2020.

Date of Adoption: October 5th, 2020

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Adopted, this, the 5th day of October 2020.

Revised, this, the day of , 202 .

Gordon Powell~~B. Ray Jeffers~~, Chairman

Date

Person County Board of Commissioners

Attested by:

Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Person County Board of Commissioners

Date of Adoption: October 5th, 2020

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Solar Energy System Ordinance Requirements in NC

	Regulated By:	Zoning Districts Where Allowed	Setbacks	Buffer Requirements	Decommissioning Plan Review / Annual Inspection	Height of Panels	Size Limitation	Battery Storage	Environmental Assessment & Other Relevant Studies	Fee
Person County (Existing)	Different levels (level 1, 2 and 3)	Level 3 SES's require the approval of a SUP or CD rezoning in B1 (Highway Commercial), GI (General Industrial) and RC (Rural Conservation).	300' from nearest dwelling. At a minimum, 150' since that is the width of the required buffer.	150' wide vegetative buffer. Every 500 square feet of buffer shall include one evergreen or deciduous tree that shall be a minimum of 3' at planting and have a height and spread of at least 30' within 10 years; and, 5 evergreen shrubs, or 3 evergreens and 2 deciduous shrubs, that shall be a minimum of 3' at planting and have a height and spread of at least 5' in 10 years.	While the County requires a decommissioning plan, there is no review of the plan once it is submitted and no annual inspection of the site.	Max. height of 15'	No	Not Addressed	N/A	Conditional rezoning fee (\$350 = \$10 an acre) or special use permit fee (\$250 = \$10 an acre). If approved, zoning permit for non-residential + \$150 up to 2 acres of lot size + \$25 per acre over 1 acre lot size.
Person County (Proposed)	NO CHANGE FROM CURRENT; HOWEVER THERE ARE ADDITIONAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS BEING ADDED TO THE APPLICATION FOR THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT/ CONDITIONAL DISTRICT REZONING.	NO CHANGE FROM CURRENT; HOWEVER THE TABLE IS BEING TWEAKED TO BE EASIER TO READ AND UNDERSTAND AND MATCH OUR PLANNING ORDINANCE	NO CHANGE FROM CURRENT; HOWEVER THE LANGUAGE/TABLES WILL BE TWEAKED TO BE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND	100' wide buffer. Height at planting has increased to 6' and must reach a minimum of 15' in height within 3 years.	Requires a review of the decommissioning plan and cost analysis every 5 years or upon change of ownership. Requires annual inspection by staff to ensure compliance and an inspection fee shall be charged (proposed fee change at a later date).	NO CHANGE FROM CURRENT	NO CHANGE FROM CURRENT	Documentation must be submitted regarding the type and quantity of battery storage units and the location of the storage area must be shown on the site plan. Any battery storage that contains PFAS (chemical sometimes used on the panels), a separate containment plan and decommissioning plan for it must be submitted.	A Phase 1 environmental assessment is required with all applications. Other possible studies (if requested) include: field surveys for federally listed species, geological reports, surface water resources (including wetlands), farmlands and environmental constraints. Also, a noise level certification letter from an engineer will be required.	No change proposed at this time unless directed by BOC. Will bring new review fees and annual inspection fees to the BOC as part of the annual fee schedule review/ modification.
Beaufort County	All major SES's require the approval of a solar energy facility development permit by the Planning Board.	The county is currently unzoned.	The fence which surrounds the SES shall be setback at least 100' from all property lines and R/W's. Solar arrays shall be setback at least 25' from the interior fence line. All SES's shall be setback a minimum of 300' from all residential, commercial and industrial buildings.	A vegetative buffer shall be installed in front of the fence within the required setback of the SES. The buffer shall consist of a row of evergreen bushes, planted no more than 8' apart, which are at least 6' tall at the time of planning, which will reach a maturity height of 15' within 3 years of planting.	The cost calculation for decommissioning shall be reviewed every 5 years	Height of panels shall not exceed height of vegetative buffer	No	N/A	Other relevant studies, reports, certifications and approvals may be requested by the Planning Board.	\$500 for zoning permit

Warren County	Smaller scale versus larger scale. Larger scale solar is allowed by right in Highway Business, Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial zoning districts.	Larger scale solar is allowed by right in Highway Business, Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial zoning districts.	50' from all property lines	No minimum width. Shrubs shall be 3' in height at time of planting and reach a maturity of 8' within 5 years.	The SES shall be inspected annually for the first three years following the issuance of the permit by the Zoning Administrator to ensure compliance.	Max. height of 15'	No	N/A	N/A	\$500 per Megawatt
Stanly County	Minor (generates up to two times the amount of power used on the property over the course of one year)- allowed by right. Major (all others) allowed with a conditional district rezoning to an overlay district in R, M or B (Residential, Manufacturing or Business) zoning districts.	Major SES allowed with a conditional district rezoning to an overlay district in R, M or B (Residential, Manufacturing or Business) zoning districts.	All structures, including fencing, shall be a minimum of 250' from a property line.	100' wide buffer that provides a visual buffer of at least 80% opacity to a height of 10' within 4 growing seasons.	Requires a review of the decommissioning plan and cost analysis every 5 years or upon change of ownership. Requires annual inspection by staff to ensure compliance and an inspection fee (\$300) shall be charged.	Max. height of 20'	No	Documentation must be submitted regarding the type and quantity of battery storage units and the location of the storage area must be shown on the site plan. Any battery storage that contains PFAS (chemical sometimes used on the panels), a separate containment plan and decommissioning plan for it must be submitted.	A Phase 1 environmental assessment is required with all applications. Other possible studies (if requested) include: field surveys for federally listed species, geological reports, surface water resources (including wetlands), farmlands and environmental constraints. Also, a noise level verification letter from an engineer.	Overlay rezoning fee is \$300 per acre or portion of acre, \$4,000 max. fee
Nash County	Accessory use versus principal use. Allowed by right in all industrial districts and requires a conditional district rezoning in the Agricultural, R-40 and Rural Commercial zoning districts.	Allowed by right in all industrial districts and requires a conditional district rezoning in the Agricultural, R-40 and Rural Commercial zoning districts.	Must meet the principal building setbacks of the zoning district in which it is located. In the Industrial districts, the front setback varies from 50' - 100', side setback is 10' and rear setback is 20'.	If the SES is located so that it is within 100' of a lot used for residential purposes or zoned residential, a minimum of a 25' wide buffer is required. Otherwise, no buffer is required. Buffers require 3 canopy trees and 5 understory trees per 100 linear feet.	N/A (does not require a decommissioning plan)	Max. height of 25'	No	N/A	N/A	In addition to the CD rezoning fee, the SES fee (excluding accessory for residential) is \$1,000 per MW with a minimum fee of \$2500.

Carteret County	Residential accessory use versus commercial use.	Allowed by right in all zoned and unzoned areas of the county. Would require review by the Commercial TRC (Technical Review Committee) at staff level.	All improved areas must be a minimum of one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from all property lines.	25' wide vegetative buffer including a row of evergreens which are a minimum of six (6) feet in height at the time of planting and not spaced more than eight (8) feet apart which at maturity will form an intermittent visual barrier to a height of fifteen (15) feet. Evergreens shall reach maturity within five (5) years of planting. Also, a separate row of shrubs that are dense, low-lying, continuous and planted to as to visually fill in the gaps between the trunks of the evergreens. Lastly, a minimum of a six (6) foot tall opaque fence shall also be erected with the finished side facing the abutting property.	Certified cost estimates (for decommissioning) must be renewed every five (5) years.	Maximum height of 15'	N/A	N/A	Any other relevant studies, reports, certificates and approval as may reasonably be required by the County.	\$100 plus \$5 panel
Granville County	Requires conditional district rezoning to ASE-CZ (AgriSupport Enterprises District). Not allowed in any other zoning district except I-1 and I-2 (Industrial).	Requires conditional district rezoning to ASE-CZ (AgriSupport Enterprises District). Not allowed in any other zoning district except I-1 and I-2 (Industrial).	25' setback from property lines or whatever is required in underlying zoning district.	A 25' vegetative buffer shall be required around the entire solar farm. Any plantings of bushes, shrubs, and/or trees in two rows of coverage shall reach a height at maturity of at least 10 feet and shall reach maturity in a reasonable amount of time. A fence shall also be required around the perimeter of the solar farm and the fence shall be a minimum of 10 ft. in height. It shall also be a chain link fence with dark green slats to minimize the view of the solar farm.	N/A	Max. height of 15'	No	N/A	N/A	Requires conditional district rezoning, which has a fee of \$995 up to 1 acre of land area + \$25 per acre over 1 acre of land area
Orange County	Residential versus non-residential. Residential - have a rated capacity not to exceed 20 kw. Non-residential is further broken down into Large Facility Solar Array and Public Utility Solar Array. A Large Facility Array produces more than 20 but less than 100 KW of power. A Public Utility Array produces more than 100 KW of power.	For large solar array - Special Use Permit required in all zoning districts except it is prohibited in EC5 and EI. CD rezoning allowed in ASE-CD and MPD-CD districts.	The minimum setback required in the underlying zoning district, including any required buffers.	A Type D buffer is required where the solar array abuts residential - 50' vegetative buffer in width with 6 canopy trees, 1 evergreen tree, 4 deciduous trees, 10 evergreens and 77 shrubs every 100 linear feet.	N/A	Shall not exceed the max. height of the height requirements found in that district.	No	All mechanical equipment, including any storage for batteries or storage cells, shall be completely enclosed by a minimum 8' high fence with a self-locking gate and screened.	Environmental assessment and/or Environmental Impact Statement required for special use permits in Orange County if project is greater than 2 acres.	\$560 staff review fee + \$30 sign posting fee + \$1 mailing fee for each parcel for mailed notification
SES = Solar Energy System										

Summary of Proposed Changes to the Person County Solar Energy System Ordinance

**Please note that the moratorium adopted by the Board of Commissioners on Aug. 16, 2021 only applies to level 3 solar energy systems (SES).*

Article 1: General Provision

- No proposed changes

Article 2: Site Development Requirements

- Table 2.1 General Regulations
 - The table is being amended to reflect how uses are listed in the Person County Planning Ordinance. Permitted Uses will be represented by “X” rather than “P.” Special Use Permits/Conditional District (CD) Rezoning are represented by “S.” If prohibited, the cell in the table is left blank.
 - There are no proposed changes to where level 3 SES’s can be located (i.e., in what zoning district they are permitted/require special use permit/CD rezoning or prohibited).
- Table 2.2 Setbacks
 - The proposed setbacks are not changing although the verbiage in the Table is changing. The table will clearly depict a minimum 150’ setback from all property lines and R/W lines, and include a 300’ setback from residential dwellings. Setbacks in the Planning Ordinance table are measured from property lines and/or R/W lines. If the use is prohibited in a particular zoning district (in the Planning Ordinance), that cell in the table is left blank. Staff wanted consistency between the ordinances.
 - A new setback was added – 100’ from all wells (in addition to all other setbacks being met).
- Section 2.4 Buffers and Landscaping
 - The buffer width is being reduced from 150’ to 100’. This will allow for a 50’ wide area around the site for emergency vehicle access (see changes to Section 4.1).
 - The minimum height of trees at planting is being increased from 3’ to 6.’ The trees shall also reach a minimum height of 15’ within 3 years.
- Section 2.5 Aviation Notification
 - Notification must be sent to the NC Commander’s Council 45 days in advance of the public hearing (instead of 30 days).
 - Flight path reports are required 45 days in advance of the public hearing (instead of 30 days).
 - Solar glare studies are required rather than “if requested by the Planning Director” for SES’s located within 5 nautical miles of the airport.
 - All responses from NC Div. of Aviation and FAA must be received a minimum of 10 business days prior to the public hearing.
- Section 2.6 Decommissioning and Abandonment

- The cost calculation for the performance guarantee (for decommissioning) shall be reviewed every 5 years and adjusted accordingly.

Article 3: Legal Provisions

- Section 4.1 Procedure for Solar Energy System Development Approval
 - Conditional District Rezoning is being added to any section that reads “special use permit” in order to clarify that the applicant can apply for either process.
 - All applications for Special use permits/CD rezonings shall also submit all aviation requirements to the Person County Airport Commission in addition to the Planning staff.
 - Special use permit/CD rezoning applications shall include the following additional information on the site plan:
 - Narrative describing the project
 - Location where wiring is brought together for inter-connection to the system
 - Location of on-site battery storage (if applicable)
 - Special use permit/CD rezoning applications shall also include the following submittals:
 - Copy of the lease agreement
 - Evidence that the electrical utility provider has established an agreement/contract with the SES owner
 - Documentation regarding the battery storage. Any battery storage that contains PFAS (Per/Poly Fluoro-Alkyl Substances – a class of chemical compounds that creates a coating that is highly water repellent) must be noted and a containment plan and separate decommissioning plan shall be submitted for it.
 - Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment must be submitted
 - Fire Prevention and Emergency Response facilities including: confirmation that the local fire dept. has or will acquire equipment to contain and extinguish any fire (any new equipment shall be paid for by the SES owner), chemical fire suppressants shall be located at battery storage areas, an emergency response plan shall be prepared and approved by the County Fire Marshal and the 50’ area between the buffer and panels shall be maintained and inspected on an annual basis.
 - Other relevant studies/documents as required by the County including: field surveys for all State and Federally listed species that are protected under State or Federal law, geological reports, wetland studies, site specific soil surveys, environmental constraints analysis and other studies as required by the County.
 - Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, a noise level certification letter shall be submitted.
 - An annual inspection shall be performed by the Planning staff to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

EDC Meeting
November 23, 2021

Solar Ordinance Review

Director's Report

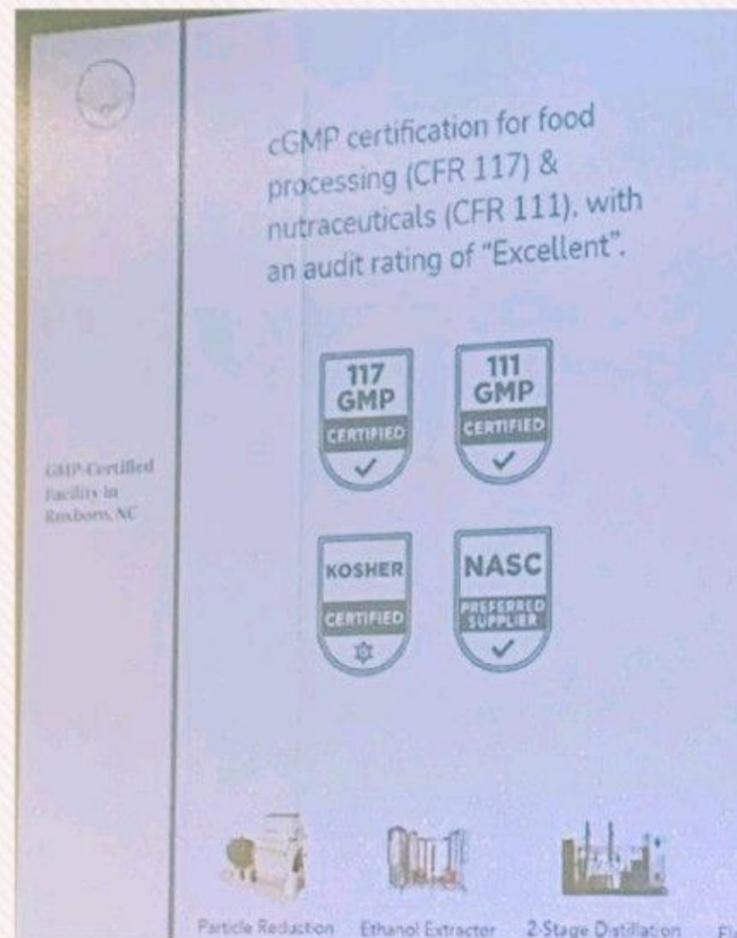
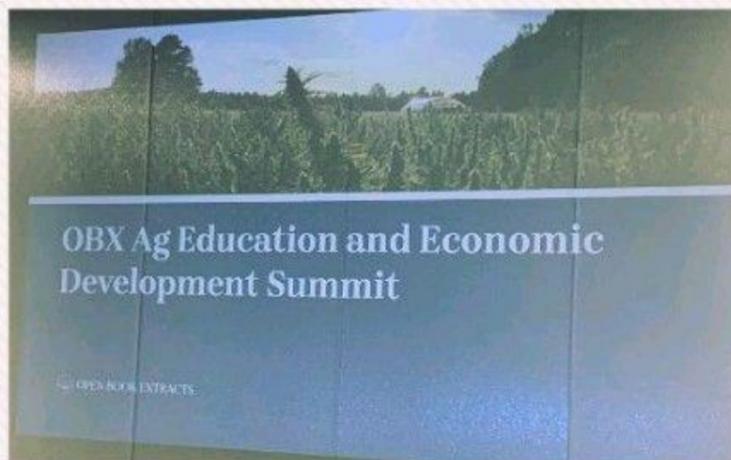


On Monday, 11/15, NC Commerce Secretary Machel Sanders, Assistant Secretary of Rural Economic Development Kenny Flowers, and an entourage of fellow Commerce and Office of State Budget and Management staff visited Person County for an update and tour of the Person County Mega Park. In 2018, NC Commerce awarded Person County a \$1.6 million grant to construct a waterline to the site. Construction of the 12" waterline, capable of supplying up to 2.5 million gallons per day of water to the site, was completed in 2020.





Open Book Extracts held an Ag Education and Economic Development Summit on November 10th, led by Dave Neundorfer and Oz Hackett. Their audience consisted of leaders from the NC Chamber, RACC, NC A&T, NC Biotech Center, PCC, Durham Tech, NC Community Colleges, EDPNC, RTRP, NCGA and OBX Board Members. They explained their many diverse partnerships in the hemp and CBD industry and shared some rare certifications, such as being cGMP certified for food processing and nutraceuticals. They have products in the areas of health and wellness, as well as pet food products.



Raleigh Regional Airport at Person County

Congressman Budd visited the RRA@PC on November 1st. He was provided an update on the hangar construction and other improvements and took a brief tour.



In our branding and marketing efforts, we reach a compromise on an approved logo.



NC Budget was signed into law on 11/18, with funding that was included for projects at Raleigh Regional.



Quarterly Update on Project Activity

- Worked 23 new projects since the August Annual Update
- New projects represent more than \$10B in investment and 17,000 jobs.
- 7 – large projects for PCMP; 2 – no inventory; 4 – North Park; 4 – Other; 6 – Labeled as inquiries (time spent working with developers on property searches or small business start-ups or expansions outside of recruitment scope)

Upcoming

- The next regularly-scheduled meeting is planned for January 25, 2022.
- Response expected from EDA on Phase I BBBRC NOFO.
- IRC meetings will resume in January.
- I have another public records request to respond to; the last one took 8 days to compile.

NOTE!

- We are currently experiencing some issues with the website that we have been sorting through with our host company for the past week and hope to have resolved before the holiday.

Assistant Director

- Attended and supported previously-listed events, meetings, and ribbon-cuttings
- Supported Perkins V workshop at PCC, led by PCS, with training and curriculum partners
- Has participated in NCEDA events and workshops
- Is serving as the EDC representative on the URG board
- Has met a number of existing industries through the job fair and other events; we hope to get an onsite visit scheduled by the end of the year and utilize the IRC meetings to jumpstart others.
- Professional passenger van/tour driver

Partner Collaborations

- On October 29th, we held a job fair in conjunction with RACC, PCC, NC Works, KTCOG, & VGCC
 - ~20 companies participated and at least 60 job seekers passed through
- Continued Collaboration with RACC and KTCOG counties on planning the 2022 Regional Economic Development Summit
- RTRP has arranged for virtual site selector meetings for November/December in lieu of travel. 1st was 11/22; 4 more scheduled.
- RTRP developed new video for the region on workforce training; will be added to EDC website



REGIONAL JOB FAIR
Friday, October 29th | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Huck Sansbury Recreation Complex
425 Long Ave
Roxboro, NC 27573

20 + Employers & Community Resources

Food Trucks
Carter's 5 Grill

Giveaways

For more information:
Contact: Jody Blackwell @ 336-599-1181
Visit: www.kerrtarworks.com & www.piedmontcc.edu

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THANK YOU!!