



# **FREDERICK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **Division of Planning & Permitting**

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### **FcPc Transmittal Memorandum**

**To:** County Council  
**FROM:** Frederick County Planning Commission  
**THROUGH:** Debbie Carpenter, Division Director  
**DATE:** June 26, 2024  
**RE:** Bill No. 24-10 – Design Criteria for Commercial Solar Facilities on Ag Property

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The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 26, 2024 to consider Bill No. 24-10, which proposes to amend Chapter 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) to provide design criteria for Commercial Solar Facilities on agriculturally zoned land. After discussion of the Bill, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of Bill No. 24-10 to the County Council.

**Vote:** **6 – 0 – 0 – 0**  
For: Davis, Hicks, Long, Rensberger, Sepe, Tressler  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

In a second motion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the County Council consider making the following changes to Bill No. 24-10:

- In §1-19-8.800 (A), change “financial incentives” to “government funds”.
- In §1-19-8.800 (D), add “Minimum” before the word “Setbacks”.
- In §1-19-8.800 (F)(1)(a), the County Council should review standards regarding buffers.
- In §1-19-8.800 (F)(1)(c), the County Council should review standards for caliper size and height.
- Investigate the submission of Form FAA 7460-1 – Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration.
- Add language regarding agrovoltaic incentives.
- Include language regarding planting of native species and pollinator plants under the panels.

**Vote:** **6 – 0 – 0 – 0**  
For: Davis, Hicks, Long, Rensberger, Sepe, Tressler  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None