



**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**

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TOWN CLERK**

Via Certified Mail/RR

Date: February 25, 2025

TO: Union County Planning Board  
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FROM: Maureen Lawshe, Town Clerk *M. Lawshe*

RE: GENERAL ORDINANCE NO 2025-03  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF  
WESTFIELD RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Pursuant to NJSA 40:55D-15, enclosed please find a certified copy of the above referenced ordinance which was approved on first reading by the Westfield Town Council at a Regular Meeting held February 25, 2025. The public hearing is scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 8:00 PM, Council Chambers, Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Enc.

cc: Don Sammet  
Town Planner

James H. Gildea  
Town Administrator



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WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY  
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TOWN OF WESTFIELD RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR  
ENERGY SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has adopted certain regulations related to the erection and operation of solar energy systems in all zone districts in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield support the use of alternative energy systems, including the use of solar collectors and solar energy systems, and is desirous of allowing such systems throughout the Town of Westfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Unified Land Use and Circulation Element of the Town Master Plan contains within its Goals and Objectives “To promote the conservation of energy and the recycling of recyclable materials through encouraging green infrastructure in site design, energy efficient design, and sustainable building practices”; and

**WHEREAS**, to further encourage the use of solar energy systems, the Mayor and Town Council deem it necessary and appropriate to make certain changes to the ordinance, to further encourage clean energy uses in the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, as follows:

**Section I.** § 13.07(B)(3), “Character-Defining Roof Features,” shall be deleted in its entirety, and subsequent subsections renumbered accordingly.

**Section II.** § 13.07(E)(2), “Setbacks and Location”, of Article 13, “Accessory Uses, Buildings and Structures,” Subsection E, “General Regulations,” of the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, shall be modified accordingly:

2. Setbacks and location.
  - a. Roof-mounted solar energy systems shall not extend horizontally past existing rooflines. Exterior piping associated with the roof-mounted solar energy system shall be allowed to extend beyond the perimeter of the building on any façade.
  - b. Ground-mounted solar energy systems shall be located in the rear yard only and shall meet the setback requirements set forth in § 13.01G.
  - c. Wall-mounted solar energy systems shall meet the required setbacks for the structure onto which they are mounted.

- d. No street-facing solar energy system may be located on street-facing roof planes or street-facing facades on any principal or accessory structure that has been designated, pursuant to the Historic Designation and Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, LUL Appendix III, as an historic landmark or is within a historic district.

**Section III.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

**Section IV.** If any section, provision, or part of a provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

**Section V.** This Ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY    )

: ss.

COUNTY OF UNION        )

I, Maureen Lawshe, Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, in the State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of General Ordinance No. 2025-03 that was introduced and approved on first reading by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, at a Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2025, and is scheduled for a public hearing to be held on March 11, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the corporate seal of said Town of Westfield, this 25th day of February 2025

*M. Lawshe*

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Maureen Lawshe, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Town of Westfield  
County of Union

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