

**ARTICLE \_\_\_\_ Shall an ordinance entitled “Amendments to Chapter 1, General Provisions,” “Amendments to Chapter 44, Shoreland Zoning,” and “Amendments to Chapter 45, Zoning” of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine, to permit solar energy systems dated \_\_\_\_ be enacted? The Amendment will:**

- Amend Chapter 45, Zoning, to permit the use of solar energy systems and set forth requirements for such systems.
  - Amend Chapter 44, Shoreland Zoning, to permit the use of solar energy systems and set forth requirements for such systems.
  - Amend Chapter 1, General Provisions, by adding definitions of terms associated with solar energy systems.
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- *A complete copy of the text is available for review at the Eliot Town Hall.*
  - *This ordinance has been reviewed by an attorney for the Town via correspondence dated November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007.*

**Amendments to Chapter 1, General Provisions, Amendments to Chapter 44, Shoreland Zoning, and Amendments to Chapter 45, Zoning of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine, to permit solar energy systems.**

**Amend Section 45-290 by adding the following entry:  
Sec. 45-290. Table of permitted and prohibited uses.**

Land Use	Rural	Suburban	Village	C/I	MHP
Solar Energy System	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO

**Amend Section 44-34 by adding the following entry:  
Sec. 44-34. Table of land uses.**

Land Use	S&WP	RP	LR	LC	GD
Solar Energy System	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO

**Add the following definition to Sec. 1-2 as follows:  
Sec. 1-2. Definitions and rules of construction.**

*Solar Energy System* means a system designed and used to obtain energy from the sun in order to supply energy to a principal use or structure located on the same lot as the system, or on an abutting lot in the case of a common system serving more than one principal use or structure, for the purpose of reducing the consumption of fuel for heating or electricity. A Solar Energy System may include solar hot water or air heating or photovoltaic systems. Solar Energy Systems are allowed only as accessory uses or structures.

**Add Sec. 45-462 as follows:  
Sec. 45-462. Solar Energy Systems.**

Solar Energy Systems must comply with all applicable building, plumbing and electrical codes and with all applicable dimensional requirements of this Chapter (Zoning) and Chapter 44 (Shoreland Zoning).

**Background and rationale for ARTICLE\_\_\_\_\_ “Amendments to Chapter 1, General Provisions,” “Amendments to Chapter 44, Shoreland Zoning,” and “Amendments to Chapter 45, Zoning” of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eliot, Maine, to permit solar energy systems.**

- This amendment comes as a result of an ordinance drafted by the Eliot Energy Committee to permit and promote the use of solar energy systems in Eliot.