

RESOLUTION NO. 17-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR SOLAR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENTS;

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County has recently passed County Ordinance 17-04 and Amendment No. 1 to 17-04 which establishes a Business Personal Property Tax on personal property used to generate electricity;

AND WHEREAS, the rate for the Business Personal Property Tax on personal property used to generate electricity is 2.5 times the County's Real Property Tax Rate;

AND WHEREAS, the assessment of the this Business Personal Property Tax as per §7-237, Tax – Property, Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, will be assessed at fifty percent (50%) of the assessment for the taxable year;

AND WHEREAS, the County Commissioners deem it advisable to establish standards for a Payment of Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for equipment used in Solar Arrays that are subject to the Business Personal Property Tax;

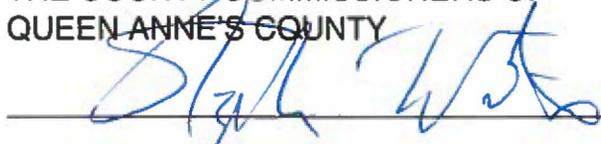
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2017, as follows:

- A. A standard PILOT agreement for Commercial Grade (5MW or larger) Solar Arrays will be established to ensure a sustainable revenue stream from the Solar Array during the life of the project (typically 30-35 years).
- B. The PILOT agreement will not generate less than 60% of the estimated Business Personal Property Tax.
- C. The PILOT agreement may provide flexibility to provide relief for the startup years of the project to ensure project feasibility, as long as the revenue for the life of the project does not fall below 60% of the estimated Business Personal Property Tax.
- D. PILOT agreements will be made available to Commercial Grade Solar Arrays for up to 2,000 acres of property in Queen Anne's County. Any Commercial Grade Solar Arrays installed after 2,000 acres have been utilized will not be eligible for PILOT agreements.
- E. The County Administrator is delegated with authority to execute PILOT agreement on behalf of Queen Anne's County.

WITNESS the hands and seals of the County Commissioners the day and year above written.

WITNESS:

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY



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