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**SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION FACILITY
DECOMMISSIONING PLAN SUBMITTAL GUIDE & CHECKLIST**

ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance with Section 20-7.15.5 of the Peoria County Code, a solar energy generation facility shall be required to have a decommissioning plan to ensure it is properly removed upon the end of the project life or facility abandonment. Appropriate means of financial security shall be required as part of the decommissioning plan.

DECOMMISSIONING PLAN REQUIREMENTS:

The decommissioning plan shall state how the facility will be decommissioned. Decommissioning shall include the following, at a minimum:

- Narrative stating how the facility will be decommissioned, including schedule and financial strategy
- Removal of all structures (including solar energy equipment and fencing) and debris to a minimum depth of four (4) feet
- Removal of all underground cables to minimum depth of five (5) feet
- Restoration of the soil, including rock removal found in the uppermost 42 inches of soil
- Restoration of vegetation within six (6) months of the end of project life or facility abandonment
- Replacement of top soil, which may have been removed or eroded, to its original depth and contour as close as reasonably possible
- Repair damaged drainage tile lines or installation of new lines of comparable quality and cost
- Replacement of trees
- An updated decommissioning plan must be submitted every four (4) years.
- Decommissioning must be completed within six (6) months of the end of project life or facility abandonment
- A statement indicating that the County is granted the right of entry onto the site, pursuant to reasonable notice, to effect or complete decommissioning
- A statement indicating that the County is granted the right to seek injunctive relief to effect or complete decommissioning, as well as the County's right to seek reimbursement from owner or owner's successor for decommissioning costs which exceed the financial security and to file a lien against any real estate owned by the owner or owner's successor, or in which they have an interest, for the excess amount, and to take all steps allowed by law to enforce said lien.

FINANCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must remain valid through the life of the project
- Estimated costs must be prepared by an Illinois licensed professional engineer
- Does not include salvage value of the facility
- Financial security must be submitted every four (4) years

COMPLIANCE WITH ADDITIONAL STANDARDS:

Any decommissioning plan must meet the requirements of the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA). Where inconsistencies exist between the County and State requirements, the more restrictive ruling shall apply. Additional information on the AIMA can be found online at:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Resources/AIMA/Pages/default.aspx>