

VEVAY TOWNSHIP  
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 68.50

**PREAMBLE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 68, THE VEVAY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, AND SPECIALLY TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3.27, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS; TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

The Township of Vevay, Ingham County, Michigan, hereby ordains:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Vevay Township's Zoning Ordinance, No. 68, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3.27, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS to provide for the placement of Small Solar Energy Systems (SSES) for adjacent properties zoned Commercial and Industrial subject to reasonable conditions that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3, TO AMEND SECTION 3.27 "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS"**. Chapter 3, Section 3.27, of the Vevay Township Zoning Ordinance shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

4. Ground-Mounted Systems

- b. A ground mounted SSES may not be located in a front yard unless there is a minimum six hundred (600) foot setback from the centerline of the road. Any exceptions to the 600-foot setback requirement may be approved by the Planning Commission based upon written request, considering practical hardship, SSES design, and lot configuration. ~~However, in no case shall~~ A ground mounted SSES **shall not** be located in the front yard closer than three hundred (300) feet of the centerline of the road, and one hundred **(100)** feet ~~(400)~~ of adjacent lot lines, **except adjacent parcels zoned as Commercial or Industrial, the side-lot setback may be reduced to 30 feet with Planning Commission approval.** Otherwise, a ground mounted SSES is only permitted in the side or rear of the primary use building, no closer than 30 feet of adjacent lot lines, or a setback equal to the maximum height of a tracking SSES that exceeds height requirements for accessory structures in subject district.

**SECTION 3. CONFLICTING ORDINANCE AND CODE PROVISIONS REPEALED.**

Any Vevay Township Ordinance, parts of Ordinances, or any Vevay Township Code provision in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and the application of those provisions to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

Except as specifically amended herein, all other provisions of the Vevay Township Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after its final adoption and publication as provided by law.

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John Lazet, Supervisor

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JoAnne Kean, MiPMC, Clerk

I, JoAnne Kean, Clerk of the Township of Vevay, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 and published on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 as provided by law.

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JoAnne Kean, MiPMC, Clerk