

Town of Starks

Solar Energy Facility Permitting and Licensing Fees

Enacted by the Starks Selectboard on November 20, 2023

1. Applicability: This fee schedule shall be applicable to any Solar Energy Facility that requires a permit under the Site Plan Review Ordinance for the Town of Starks.

2. Application Fee: An application for a Solar Energy Facility (SEF) shall include an application fee based on a rate of \$0.25 per square foot of panel area. Should the Planning Board disapprove the application, or it is withdrawn by the owner or applicant prior to final action by the Planning Board, 50% of the fee shall be refunded less any costs incurred by the Town in reviewing the application.

3. Initial Operation License: Prior to operation of any SEF, the owner or operator must obtain an operation license from the Town. An operation license application accompanied by a \$2,500 fee must be submitted. The SEF will be reviewed by the CEO to ascertain compliance with approvals as granted by the Planning Board before the SEF operation license will be issued by the Town. Expenses incurred by the Town to ensure compliance with Planning Board approval and the provisions of this Ordinance that exceed the operation license fee shall be reimbursed to the Town before a renewal license is issued.

4. Annual Renewal of Operation License: All SEFs must apply annually for the renewal of their operation license. A renewal operation license application accompanied by a fee of \$2,500 must be submitted. A review by the CEO to determine continued compliance with the permit approval is required for the renewal of the operation license.

5. Transfer License and Fee: The owner or lessee of an approved SEF may transfer the operation license to another owner or lessee upon approval by the Planning Board. A transfer application fee in the amount of \$2,500 must be submitted with the transfer request to the Planning Board.