

**MERRITT TOWNSHIP**  
**BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO.: 51**  
**ADDENDUM TO ORDINANCE NO.: 55**  
**THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE**

THE TOWNSHIP OF MERRITT HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1**

That ordinance 51 being an amendment to ordinance 55, which is the Township Zoning Ordinance shall amend Section 7.27 entitled “Solar Energy Systems, small” as follows: ~~deletions look like this~~; *replacements look like this*. The purpose of these regulations is to regulate the construction, location and operation of small solar energy systems that are excessive uses to a site’s primary use and subject to reasonable conditions that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

**Section 2**

Section 4 - Ground mounted systems

f. Photovoltaic panels, devices and support structures shall be restricted to a maximum height of ~~six (6)~~ *ten (10)* feet when oriented at a maximum tilt as measured from the existing grade.

**Section VI: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall after its adoption, be published in a newspaper circulated within the Township of Merritt, Bay County, Michigan and shall become effective upon the 1st day of publication, unless no notice of intent to file a petition is timely filed with the township clerk in which case it shall become effective upon the 30th day after publication.

Motion: Schabel

Seconded: Fleischmann

AYES: Schabel, Parrent, Fleischmann, Mead, Lynch III

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: 55-A, September 12, 2023

Publication: October 11, 2023

Effective Date: September 30, 2023

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Dave Schabel, Supervisor

Kathy Parrent, Clerk