

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, ADOPTING THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Government Committee
Aldermen Schabot, Eckert, Dawson, Scott, Childress, Carey

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston was the first City to be named a Clean Energy Community under NYSERSA's new certification program; and

WHEREAS, under this designation, the City of Kingston has been recognized on a state level for its leadership in reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy locally; and

WHEREAS, the City's Climate Smart Kingston Commission has been working with City departments towards streamlining and fostering the deployment of renewable energy in the City through the Unified Solar Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has received input and support for this program from the City's Building Safety Division, the Planning Department, the Heritage Area Commission and the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this permit, the City of Kingston will join a host of over 100 other communities in New York State who have already done so; and

WHEREAS, this program is funded by NYSERDA at no cost to participating communities; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Unified Solar Permit is a state-wide accepted permitting process that increases consistency in the permitting process for eligible solar photovoltaic (PV) installations which will allow Kingston to streamline our process for solar permitting; and

WHEREAS, NYSERDA offers an incentive of \$2,500 through the Cleaner, Greener Communities Program for municipalities that adopt this permit and by adopting this permitting process, we will be eligible for this rebate;

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston, through its Climate Action Plan and Climate Smart Communities Pledge have set the goal of reducing our carbon footprint and saving energy and money through innovative programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: that the City of Kingston hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit, expediting and improving our City's process for issuing permits for solar installations.

SECTION 2: that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon signing.

Submitted to the Mayor this 8th
day of March 2017.

Approved by the Mayor this 9th
day of March 2017.


CARLY WINNIE, CITY CLERK


STEVEN T. NOBLE, MAYOR