

# Resolution of the City of Morgantown Supporting the Legalization of Community Solar in West Virginia

**Whereas,** The City of Morgantown supports cost-effective investments in renewable and efficient energy technologies; and

**Whereas,** Community Solar would allow municipalities and other tax-exempt entities to acquire renewable energy cost effectively; and

**Whereas,** Community Solar is currently available in at least 21 states and D.C.; and

**Whereas,** Community Solar allows customers to stabilize and control energy costs

**Whereas,** The US Department of Labor lists solar photovoltaic installer as the fastest growing occupation in the nation; and

**Whereas,** An economic impact report by West Virginians for Energy Freedom found that enabling community solar programs in West Virginia would generate 2,500 full and part time jobs for the state; and

**Whereas,** The lack of enabling renewable energy policy in West Virginia hinders our ability to attract corporations and developers the jobs they would bring to our state; and

**Whereas,** Municipalities and their residents will benefit from having the option to participate in a community solar program

**Whereas,** Legislation is needed to authorize the use of Community Solar programs in West Virginia;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Morgantown City Council supports legislation authorizing Community Solar programs in West Virginia; and

**Be It Further Resolved,** on this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2022, Morgantown City Council directs the Mayor to file with the Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, the President of the West Virginia State Senate, and local legislators, a copy of this resolution.

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Mayor

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City Clerk