

**CITY OF SCANDIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 187**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 4.34 OF THE SCANDIA  
DEVELOPMENT CODE - SOLAR FARMS AND  
COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS**

The City Council of the City of Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota hereby ordains:

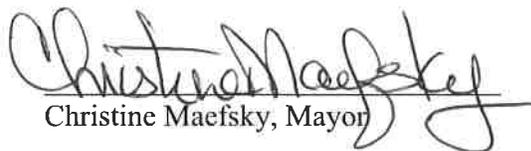
**Section 1. Findings.** The City Council hereby makes the following findings for the repeal of Section 4.34 of the Development code regulating Solar Farms and Community Solar Gardens. The City has determined that current regulations and official controls may not adequately address:

1. Whether the continued expansion of the use will negatively impact the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity of the solar projects,
2. Whether the use may have negative impacts on the value of nearby properties which impacts will not be known until there are sufficient real estate transactions completed after the current Solar Farms and Community Solar Gardens are constructed to determine the impacts,
3. Whether the use will negatively impact the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding property for uses permitted in the applicable zoning districts, and
4. Whether the impacts of the development of additional community solar farms and community solar gardens will conflict with the vision expressed in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan that Scandia maintain its unique rural character, agricultural heritage, historic charms and natural resources, based on the City's experience with the difficulties of screening this use from public roadways and surrounding properties.

**Section 2. Repeal.** Chapter 2 Section 4.34 of the Scandia Development code as adopted by Ordinance No. 162 on June 6, 2015 and amended by Ordinance 174 on August 16, 2016 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Scandia this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

  
Christine Maefsky, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Neil Soltis, Administrator/Clerk