

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21**

**CITY OF GRANT  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION DENYING APPLICATION FOR  
ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, at its regular council meeting on June 6, 2017, the City enacted Ordinance 2017-52, constituting a one-year moratorium against installation or construction of “solar farm” energy system facilities, in order to allow the City Staff, City Planning Commission and City Council adequate time to study and consider new and/or revised zoning regulations relating to solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2017, United States Solar Corporation and Joyce Welander (collectively “Applicants”) applied to the City of Grant for a text amendment to the City’s Zoning Code to permit installation and construction of “solar gardens” energy systems; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning text amendment language from Applicants is cursory in nature, and provides negligible regulation or oversight in the installation and use of solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening months, the City Staff, City Planning and City Council have given careful study and consideration to the issue of solar energy system regulations, including drafting of more comprehensive proposed ordinances regarding solar energy systems, and holding of a public hearing before the planning commission on July 18, 2017 to consider a proposed ordinance as developed by City Staff; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the proposed cursory text amendment as proposed by Applicants is not in the best interests of the City, and if any regulation or allowance for “solar farms” or “solar gardens” is to be considered, it will be a more complete set of regulations crafted by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANT, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Grant hereby denies the Application for a zoning text amendment regarding solar energy systems as submitted by Applicants United States Solar Corporation and Joyce Welander.

Duly adopted and passed by motion of the City Council on November 6, 2017.

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Jeff Huber, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Points, City Clerk