



UTILITY SCALE SOLAR TIMELINE

(For complete history see 11/5/24 Planning & Zoning Commission Staff Report)

2011

- APS Facility (1900 East Road 4 South)
 - Approval: CUP approved by Town Council on May 24, 2011, under ordinance 11-747. The CUP remains valid until May 24, 2041. Project was a collaboration between Sun Edison LLC and APS, later sold to APS after construction November 2012.

2013

- RES America Development/Wilkinsons Investments (3245 Jerome Junction)
 - Approval: CUP approved by Town Council on January 14, 2013 (CUP13-003), with one year allowed for construction to commence. Construction never started, and the CUP expired on January 14, 2014.

2020

- Draconis - LightSource BP (Landowner: Perkins)
 - Action: Initiated discussions with the Town. Submitted an incomplete application for rezoning to Industrial. Rezone application expired in October 2021.

2022

- Atlas Renewable Power - Clean Energy (Eagle Solar Project)
 - At Pre-Application Meeting, directed to wait for a forthcoming text amendment.
- YA-Jerome - ERM
 - Attempted to revive the expired CUP from 2013 (CUP13-003) but was also directed to wait for the text amendment.
- Solar and Wind Farm Text Amendment (TA-2022-09)
 - April: Town staff began preliminary research.
 - May: Concept presented to Town Council, which directed staff to draft language.
 - November: Draft Text Amendment presented to Planning and Zoning Commission for discussion.
 - Outcome: The Commission recommended addressing utility-scale solar issues through the General Plan instead of a stand-alone ordinance.

2023

- November:
 - Town ratified the 2040 General Plan, including goals and policies for solar energy.
- December:
 - Staff requested Council authorization to form a Staff Advisory Committee for the development of a utility-scale solar ordinance. 2024

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- January:
 - Department advertised for staff advisory group applications.
 - One applicant was not accepted due to a direct connection to a proposed solar project landowner.
- February - October:
 - Solar Advisory Group Meetings: Monthly meetings (except July) culminating in a review of the draft ordinance provisions in October.
- November and January:
 - Planning Commission held two public hearings and recommended approval of the draft ordinance to the Town Council.