

Notice of the Regular Meeting of the Ophir Planning and Zoning Commission

6:00PM, Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 Town Hall 36 Porphyry St, Ophir, CO 81426

Agenda:

- 1. Approve the Agenda
- 2. Adoption and Approval of August 2025 P&Z Regular meeting minutes
- 3. Staff Report
- 4. Business Items:
 - a. Consideration of proposed greenhouse installation at 920 Aurum Street
 - b. Discussion of Residential Grid-Tied Solar Permitting Ordinance
 - c. Town of Ophir Land Use Code Review
- 5. New Business
- 6. Adjourn

Regular Meeting of the Ophir Planning and Zoning Commission 6pm MT August, 12 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Gunnar Doyle

P&Z Members: Gunnar Doyle, Dan Forgrave, Allyn Hart, Mark Rosenthal, Phil Hayden **Non-P&Z Members:** John Wontrobski, Sheamus Croke, Kim Wheels

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. Agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY P&Z MEETING

a. Minutes were approved.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

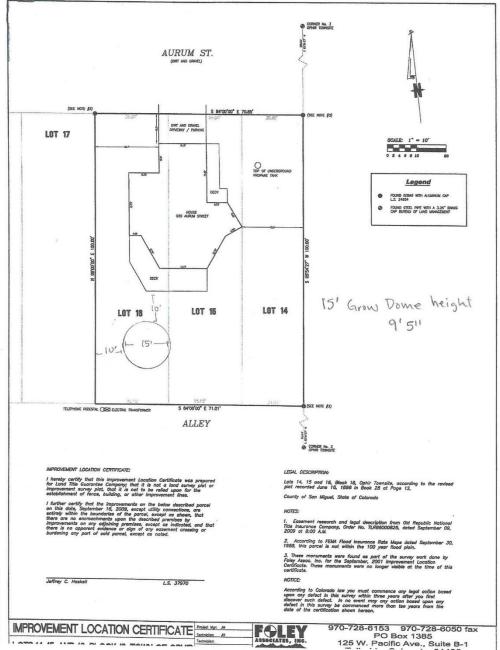
- a. Discussion and recommendation regarding: Land Use Code Amendment to Change the Hazard Zone Classification of LOTS 5 AND 6 BLK M, OPHIR
- 1. Gunnar presented the application. Sheamus Croke gave an overview of his intent of the application and offered to answer any questions regarding the application. P&Z members followed with discussion on the application. Phil and Allyn thought it maybe prudent to delay voting on the application until other avalanche zoning matters were finished. Gunnar, Mark, and Dan thought it best not to delay Sheamus' timeline on potentially building on the lot, especially given the merits of his application and low likelihood of avalanche damage at that location within town. P&Z voted 3-2 to recommend approval of the application to the General Assembly.
- b. Discussion on LUC revisions.
 - 1. P&Z members will begin to work through the LUC at next month's meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. None.

6. ADJOURN

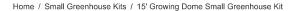
a. On or about 7:30pm, the meeting was adjourned.



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Town of Ophir – Residential Grid-Tied Solar Permitting Ordinance Ordinance No. ___ – Adopted [Date]

Purpose

To establish a streamlined permitting process for residential grid-tied photovoltaic (PV) systems in accordance with nationally recognized guidelines, while ensuring compliance with building, electrical, and fire safety codes.

1. Applicability

- a. Applies to all new residential grid-tied PV installations in the Town of Ophir.
- b. Energy Storage Systems (ESS) can be permitted if they meet UL 9540 requirements.

2. Permit Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- 1. Completed Town of Ophir Solar Permit Form (Exhibit A).
- 2. Site plan showing location of PV arrays and major components.
- 3. Single-line electrical diagram.
- 4. Specification sheets for modules, inverters, racking, and other major equipment.
- 5. Signed interconnection approval from San Miguel Power Association (SMPA).

3. Technical & Safety Standards

- a. **Codes:** Installations must comply with the current NEC, IRC, and IBC as adopted by the Town.
- b. **Electrical Limits:** PV array configuration not to exceed manufacturer and NEC voltage limits; controlled conductors per NEC 690.12.
- c. **Disconnects:** PV system disconnects per NEC 690.13; visible and accessible to emergency responders.
- d. **Ground-Mounts:** Height ≤ 10 ft; 3 feet setback from front, rear, and side property lines.*
 - *Ground-mounts inside of setbacks will be considered with neighbor support.

4. Inspections

- a. May be subject to final structural inspection prior to energization, at discretion of Town Building Official.
- b. Grid-tied PV and ESS installations must complete Colorado state electrical inspection.

Installations without permits or in violation of this ordinance are subject to stop-work orders and correction notices.
Effective Date: This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption.
Adopted by the Town Council of Ophir this day of, 20

Mayor: _____ Town Clerk: _____

5. Enforcement

Exhibit A: Town of Ophir Solar Permit Form

Property Owner Information Address: Phone/Email: **Installer/Contractor Information** Company: Contact Name & Phone: **System Information** System Type (check one): \square Grid-Tied PV Only \square PV + Energy Storage System (ESS) PV System Size (kW DC): ESS System Size (kW AC): Modules: Make/Model _____ Inverter: Make/Model Location (check one): ☐ Roof-Mounted ☐ Ground-Mounted **Required Submittals (attach with application)** ☐ Site plan showing location of PV arrays and major components ☐ Electrical one-line diagram ☐ Specification sheets (modules, inverters, racking) ☐ SMPA interconnection approval letter I hereby certify that the above information is correct, and that the installation will conform to the applicable codes and the Town of Ophir Residential Solar Ordinance. Signature: _____ Date: ____