

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR BUILDINGS EQUIPPED WITH A PASSIVE SOLAR SYSTEM

Pursuant to Public Act 80-406 of the 1980 Session of the General Assembly, be it enacted that the Town of Plainville hereby authorized a tax exemption for buildings equipped with a passive solar system:

SECTION I - DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this subsection, “passive system” shall include a solar energy heating or cooling system which utilized the structural elements of a building to provide for the collection, storage or distribution of energy for water heating, space heating or cooling. The passive system shall be consistent with the definition set forth by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

(b) As used in this subsection, hybrid system shall include a solar energy heating or cooling system which consists of both active and passive elements. The hybrid system must meet the standards set forth by the Office of Policy and Management.

SECTION II - THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF THE SOLAR EXEMPTION AND AMOUNT TO BE EXEMPTED

Any building, the construction of which is commenced on or after April 20, 1977, and before October 1, 1991, which is equipped with a passive or hybrid solar energy heating or cooling system, or any building to which such a system is added on or after April 20, 1977, and before October 1, 1991, to the extent of any amount by which the assessed valuation of such real property equipped with such a system exceeds the valuation at which such real property would be assessed if built using conventional construction techniques in lieu of construction related to such a system, as determined by the assessing officer of the Town of Plainville. The tax exemption shall be effective to the first fifteen (15) assessment years following construction of such building or addition to any such system to a building.

SECTION III - WHEN SOLAR EXEMPTIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED

Any portion of a hybrid solar energy system which is allowed an exemption under Connecticut General Statutes 12-81(56) or the Plainville Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Concerning

Property Tax Exemption For Solar System” shall not be eligible for exemption under this ordinance.

SECTION IV - PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING THE SOLAR EXEMPTION

Any person who desires to claim the exemption provided in this subsection, shall file with the Assessor or Board of Assessors of the Town of Plainville, within thirty (30) days following the annual assessment date, written application claiming such exemption on a form as prescribed. Failure to file such application in such manner and form within the time limit prescribed, shall constitute a waiver of the right to such exemption for the assessment year.

SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective for the tax exemption of buildings equipped with a passive solar system on October 1, 1980.

Adopted by Town Council Oct. 6, 1980