

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Pursuant to Section 12-81 (56) (a) (b) (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, be it enacted that the Town of Plainville hereby authorizes a property tax exemption for solar energy heating or cooling systems as more fully described herein:

Sec. 1. Any building or addition to a building, the construction of which is commenced on or after October 1, 1976, and before October 1, 1991, which is equipped with a solar energy heating or cooling system to the extent of the amount by which the assessed valuation of such real property equipped with such solar heating or cooling system exceeds the assessed valuation of such real property equipped with the conventional portion of the heating or cooling system, exclusive of any portion of such system related to solar energy, provided this exemption shall only apply to the first fifteen assessment years following construction of such building or addition.

Sec. 2. As used in this subsection, “solar energy heating or cooling system” means equipment, including windmills and waterwheels, which provides for the collection, transfer, storage and use of incident solar energy for water heating, space heating or cooling which absent such solar energy system would require a conventional energy resource, such as petroleum products, natural gas or electricity and which meets standards established by regulation by the Commissioner of Planning and Energy Policy for the State of Connecticut.

Sec. 3. Any person who desires to claim the exemption provided in this subsection shall file with the assessor of the Town of Plainville, within thirty days following the annual assessment date, written application claiming such exemption on a form as prescribed. Failure to file such application in said manner and form within the time limit prescribed shall constitute a waiver of the right to such exemption for the assessment year.

Sec. 4. This Ordinance is to take effect upon passage and publication.

Adopted by Town Council May 16, 1977