

**CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 3666**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM ON PROPERTY ZONED C-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT LOCATED AT 200 QUARRY ROAD, PARCEL 04-09-300-021-000 IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia Zoning Code (“Zoning Code”), which comprises Title 17 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code, as amended, allows the City Council, upon recommendation of the Plan Commission, to approve certain special use exceptions as provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, a ground-mounted solar energy system is allowed in the C-2 General Business zoning district only by special use permit per Section 17.42.070 (D) of the Zoning Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Rethink Electric (“Applicant”) has applied for a special use permit to allow a ground-mounted solar energy system in the C-2 General Business zoning district on Monroe County Parcel 04-09-300-021-000 located at 200 Quarry Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan Commission conducted a public hearing on February 12, 2024 and upon finding that the proposed use is consistent with Comprehensive Plan and would not unreasonably affect surrounding properties, recommended approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the submitted ground-mounted solar energy system special use request.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

- Section 1.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.
- Section 2.** The City Council hereby accepts the Plan Commission’s recommendation to approve the special use request and adopts the Plan Commission’s findings.
- Section 3.** The City Council hereby approves the requested special use exception to a ground-mounted solar energy system in the C-2 zoning district on property located at 200

Quarry Road having Monroe County Parcel #04-09-300-021-000, provided the property is developed in substantial compliance with the submitted plan.

**Section 4.** The City is hereby ordered to issue a zoning certificate to the applicant acknowledging the approval of said special use exception, which shall include a statement of all applicable Zoning Code requirements for the approved special use.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon passage by the Corporate Authorities.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Alderman Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Riddle, Garmer, Lawlor, and Nobbe.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Alderman Khoury.

APPROVED:

  
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BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

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