

AGENDA ITEM: 8.

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STAFF REPORT

Initiate Zoning Ordinance Modification

DATE: November 16, 2009
TO: Lancaster Planning Commission
APPLICANT: Planning Department
LOCATION: City Wide
REQUEST: Initiate Zoning Ordinance Modification

RECOMMENDATION: Initiate Zoning Ordinance modification to allow small scale wind turbines in the commercial and industrial zones, and allow solar power plants in rural residential zones subject to a conditional use permit.

DISCUSSION: The Planning Commission or City Council is to initiate modifications to the Zoning Ordinance. Staff is recommending that the Commission initiate a change to the Zoning Ordinance to establish the following:

1. Allow small scale wind turbines in commercial and industrial zones with a director's review application; and
2. Allow solar power plants in Rural Residential zones subject to a conditional use permit.

If the Commission initiates this action, staff anticipates that the proposed ordinance changes will be brought to the December 21, 2009, regular meeting for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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