

**THE COUNTY OF CHESTER
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION No. 57-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CHESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2018, Governor Wolf signed Senate Bill 234 into law as Act 30 of 2018, which is now codified at 12 Pa. C.S.A. §4301 *et seq.* (hereinafter “Act 30”); and

WHEREAS, Act 30 authorized the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program or “C-PACE” program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to ensure that owners of agricultural, commercial, and industrial land and buildings can obtain low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy projects that is repaid through a charge against the owner’s real property within a district which is levied and collected by the county or municipality that establishes the district; and

WHEREAS, Landscapes 3, Chester County’s Comprehensive Plan, recommends supporting a resilient and clean energy network and Chester County’s Climate Action Plan recommends establishing a dedicated, secure funding source to support renewable energy programs and financial incentives; and

WHEREAS, Section 4303 (1) of Act 30 specifically authorizes a county to establish its own C-PACE program within a defined district by adopting a Resolution or Ordinance and to provide standards and guidelines for the operation of a county C-PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 4303 (2) of Act 30, the County has provided written notice to every municipality within Chester County that the County intends to establish a C-PACE Program district consisting of the entirety of Chester County and to include every municipality within this C-PACE program district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chester is of the considered opinion that the establishment of a C-PACE program in Chester County in accordance with the legal authority granted by Act 30 will inure to the long-term benefit of the citizens of the County by providing a convenient and useful mechanism to encourage owners of agricultural, commercial, and industrial land and buildings to invest in “clean energy projects”, which (1) replace or supplement an existing energy system that utilizes nonrenewable energy with an energy system that utilizes alternative energy; (2) facilitate the installation of an alternative energy system in an existing building or a major renovation of a building; (3) facilitate the retrofit of an existing building to meet high-performance building standards; and (4) install equipment to facilitate or improve energy conservation or energy efficiency, including heating and cooling equipment and solar thermal equipment; “water conservation projects” which reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage; and “alternative energy projects” which promote the generation of energy from “alternative sources” as defined under Pennsylvania’s Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, 73 P.S. §1648.1 (2004).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners, County of Chester, acting pursuant to legal authority granted by Act 30, hereby establishes a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program in Chester County known as the “Chester County C-PACE Program” and designates the entirety of Chester County as the “District” as defined in Section 4302 of Act 30 for the operation of the Chester County C-PACE Program.

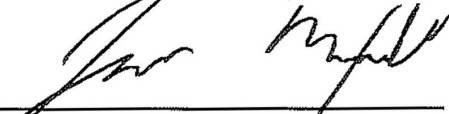
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Administrator or his authorized representative or delegate is hereby authorized to develop, promulgate, and periodically update operational standards and guidelines for the administration of the Chester County C-PACE Program in accordance with the requirements of Section 4303 (1)(i)-(iii) of Act 30.

THIS RESOLUTION, adopted this 10th day of December, 2021, by the Board of Chester County Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS:



Marian D. Moskowitz, Chair



Josh Maxwell, Commissioner



Michelle Kichline, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Robert J. Kagel, Chief Clerk