

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2082**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act regarding municipal zoning powers.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>4/25/2023</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>5/2/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>6/1/2023</i>

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2082) of Paul McMurtry relative to municipal zoning powers in relation to the installation of solar energy systems. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act regarding municipal zoning powers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 3 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the  
2 following language:

3           "No zoning ordinance or by-law shall prohibit or unreasonably regulate the installation of  
4 solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy,  
5 except where necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare."