

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR FIRST READING - NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

**Glocester Code of Ordinance  
Chapter 247**

**TAXATION**

**Article XI. Renewable Energy Tax & Exemption**

**247-43. Taxation & Exemption for Renewable Energy Systems**

**Delete §247-43. Sections A-C.**

**Replace with:**

**§247-43. A. Findings.**

Pursuant to Section 44-3-3 (a)(48)(49) of the Rhode Island General Laws, certain residential and manufacturing properties that install renewable energy systems are exempt from local taxation.

Pursuant to Section 44-5-3 (c)-(e) of the Rhode Island General Laws, commercial renewable energy systems shall be subject to a tangible tax payment to the municipality through rules and regulations that have been adopted by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources for all commercial renewable energy systems.

Pursuant to 44-3-21 of the Rhode Island General Laws, city or town councils of the various cities and towns may, by ordinance, exempt from taxation any renewable energy system located in the city or town.

**§247-43. B. Action.**

In accordance with Section 44-5-3 (c) of the RI General Laws the Town of Glocester hereby authorizes its assessor to levy a tax on renewable energy tangible property as defined in 39-26-5 in accordance with the rules and regulations executed by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources.

In accordance with 44-3-21 of the RI General Laws the Town of Glocester hereby exempts from taxation commercial net-metered renewable energy systems whose sole purpose is to offset electricity bills and not to sell power back to the electric distribution system.

Property owners installing renewable energy systems shall be required to provide the interconnection application between the renewable energy developer and the electric distribution company (National Grid or Pascoag Utility) and any documentation of program enrollment (e.g., renewable energy growth or net metering enrollment forms) to the town indicating if the renewable energy system is net-metered or if the system is selling a portion or all of the energy produced back to National Grid under the Renewable Energy Growth Program.

A copy of the final interconnection service agreement executed between the renewable energy developer and electric distribution company shall be provided to the town prior to construction of the renewable energy system.

**§247-43. D: C. Effective.**

This Article shall take effect upon passage by the Town Council.