



# WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP

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## Zoning requirements for solar permits

These requirements are found in the [Township's Zoning Code, §170-1618](#). Please provide responses to the following to include with your permit application. The code requirements are in black and you are required to submit responses to the statements *in italics*.

- For individual net metering solar systems, the owner of the accessory solar energy system shall provide written confirmation that the public utility company has been informed of the customer's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator and also approves of such connection. Systems not connected to the public utility grid shall be exempt from this requirement. *Please provide written confirmation from PECO acknowledging and approving this connection to the utility grid and/or a copy of the interconnection agreement with PECO. Additional feedback or installation/operations/maintenance requirements requested by them should be submitted with the building application.*
- Transmission lines. All power transmission lines from the solar energy system to any building or other structure shall be located underground, unless it can be demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Zoning Officer, in consultation with the Township Engineer, that this is infeasible. *Please provide additional details relating to the location and shielding of any transmission lines if they are proposed in any other location.*
- Lighting and advertising. Solar energy systems shall not be artificially lighted except to the extent required for safety or by any applicable federal, state or local authority. Solar energy systems and appurtenant or accessory structures shall not display any advertising, except for reasonable identification of the panel or other equipment manufacturer, and the facility owner. *Please provide a response indicating the location and type of lighting and/or advertising that may be proposed with this project.*
- Glare. The applicant or the installer or manufacturer of the solar energy system shall submit with the application for permit or conditional use approval, as applicable, a signed statement including the following:
  - Certification that the proposed system shall not produce glare or reflect concentrated solar radiation visible beyond the property lines of the property;
  - Acknowledgement that, should any glare or concentrated solar radiation produced prove to be visible beyond the property lines of the property upon which the solar energy system shall be located, at any time subsequent to the installation of the system, the Township may at its discretion require mitigating actions or may require the removal of the system or portion thereof generating the glare or reflected solar radiation;
  - Acknowledgement that, should any mitigation or system removal deemed necessary by the Township fail to be dealt with in accordance with the Township's determination within six months of notification of the landowner and/or system owner, or immediately in any case determined to be a safety hazard, the Township may implement such mitigation or remove such systems as it deems necessary, costs therefor to be reimbursed within 90 days, and, if not, a commensurate lien shall be placed upon the property;
  - Acknowledgement that the obligations set forth herein shall continue so long as the subject solar energy system remains in operation and that any subsequent property owner shall be so notified.*Please provide a statement acknowledging the above statements regarding glare.*
- A roof-mounted solar energy system may exceed the height of the ridgeline of any sloping roof upon which it is mounted by no more than one foot, where the pitch of the roof exceeds a ratio of 1:3. Where the pitch of the roof is less than 1:3, a roof-mounted solar energy system may exceed the height of the roof by no more than four feet. *Please provide a drawing with measurements that show the projection distance of the panels and all mounting structures from the roofline.*