

Town of Concord
86 Franklin Street
PO Box 368
Springville, New York 14141
(716) 592-4948

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION
FOR SOLAR PANEL PERMIT

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

A combined building and electrical permit for a grid-tied photovoltaic (PV) system will be issued pending proper completion of forms, submission of approved plans and approval by municipal. All applicants must submit:

1. Unified Solar Permit for Small-Scale Photovoltaic Eligibility Checklist – STEP 2
2. Three (3) sets of plans that include:
 - Site Plan showing location of major components of solar system and other equipment on roof or legal accessory structure. This plan should represent relative location of components at site, including, but not limited to, location of array, existing electrical service location, utility meter, inverter location, system orientation and tilt angle. This plan should show access and pathways that are compliant with New York State Fire Code, if applicable.
 - One-Line or 3-Line Electrical Diagram. The electrical diagram required by NYSERDA for an incentive application and/or utility for an interconnection agreement can be used here.
 - Specifications Sheets for all manufactured components. If these sheets are available electronically, a web address will be accepted in place of an attachment, at the discretion of the municipality.
 - All diagrams and plans must include the following: (a) Project address, section, block and lot number of the property; (b) Owner's name, address and phone number; (c) Name, address and phone number of the person preparing the plans; (d) System capacity in kW-DC.
3. Unified Solar Permit for Small-Scale Photovoltaic Systems Application – STEP 3
4. Permit Fee Amount: \$100.00. All fees are non-refundable.

Permit Review and Inspection Timeline

Permit determinations will be issued within 14 days upon receipt of complete and accurate applications. The municipality will provide feedback within 7 days of receiving incomplete or inaccurate applications. If an inspection is required, a single inspection should be sufficient and Will be provided within 7 days of inspection report.

Eligibility Checklist – STEP 2

- Yes No 1. Solar installation has a rated capacity of 25 kW or less.
- Yes No 2. Solar installation is not subject to review by an Architectural or Historical Review Board.
- Yes No 3. Solar installation does not need a zoning variance.
- Yes No 4. Solar installation is to be mounted on a permitted roof structure of a building, or on a legal accessory structure. If on a legal accessory structure, a diagram showing existing electrical connection to structure is attached.
- Yes No 5. Solar installation is compliant with all applicable electrical and building codes.
- Yes No 6. Solar installation is compliant with New York State Fire Code.
- Yes No 7. The Solar Installation Contractor complies with all licensing and other requirements of the jurisdiction and the state.
- Yes No 8. The proposed equipment is permitted by code and equipment meets all relevant certification standards.
- Yes No 9. The PV system and all components will be installed per the manufacturer's specifications.
- Yes No 10. The project will comply with adopted National Electrical Code requirements.
- Yes No 11. The roof has no more than a single layer of roof covering (in addition to the solar equipment).
- Yes No 12. The system is to be mounted parallel to the roof structure, or tilted with no more than an 18 inch gap between the module frame and the roof surface.
- Yes No 13. The system will have a distributed weight of less than 5 pounds per square foot or less than 45 pounds per attachment point to roof.

If you answered “No” to any of Questions 1-10, you are not eligible to participate in the expedited permitted process and the applicant must bring their application to the Planning Board for review and the Planning Board will then recommend the application to the Town Board after their review. If you answered “No” to any of Questions 11-13, you must provide a letter from a Professional Engineer or Registered Architect certifying that the existing structure can support the additional weight and wind loads of the solar energy systems. If you answered “Yes” to all the above questions, please sign below to affirm that all answers are correct, and you have met all the conditions and requirements to participate in this expedited process.

Property Owner’s Signature

Date

Solar Installation Contractor Signature

Date

Solar Panel Permit Application – STEP 3

PERMIT # _____

1. Property Owner:

Property Owner's Name

Property Address

Section

Block

Lot Number

2. Existing Use:

Single Family 2-4 Family Commercial Other

3. Provide the total system capacity rating (sum of all panels)

PV System: _____ kW-DC

4. Solar Installation Contractor:

Business Name

Business Address

Contact Name

Phone Number

License Number(s)

5. What is the existing roofing material?

6. Provide method and type of weatherproofing for roof penetrations (i.e. flashing, caulk).

7. Is the mounting structure an engineered product designed to mount PV modules?

Yes No If no, provide details of structural attachment in a letter certified by a design professional.

