

Chapter 15.40

SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

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15.40.010 Permit required. It is unlawful for any person to commence or perform the installation of a solar facility, including, without limitation, solar panels, pumps, etc., without first having secured design review approval from the town subject to requirements of Chapter 18.41 and of this chapter. (Ord. 558 (part), 2001: Ord. 423 §1(part), 1980).

15.40.020 Application for a permit. An applicant for a solar permit shall file an application therefor with the town clerk, accompanied by a fee as determined by resolution of the town council. Each application shall contain the following:

(1) Name and address of the applicant, and person or persons responsible for the correctness of the work to be done;

(2) Plans and specifications in duplicate as necessary to show in detail any proposed solar installation including any alteration to an existing building. Plans, specifications and drawings will not be returned.

(3) A lot or plot plan in duplicate drawn to scale, or indicating all dimensions, which plan shows in detail the boundaries and dimensions of the premises, exterior walls of all existing and proposed buildings thereon, and the boundaries and dimensions of all structures on adjacent lands which are within twenty-five feet of the property line. Said lot or plot plan must show the percentage of total lot area now covered and to be covered by improvements.

(4) Applicant shall seek to obtain written approval of the proposed installation from the owners, lessees and occupants of all abutting property, including property across any street, lane, roadway or highway. Approvals in writing are to be submitted to the town clerk not later than fifteen days preceding the regular meeting of the town council at which the application is to be heard. If written approvals are not obtained, a statement showing the reason or reasons therefor must be submitted.

(5) Exception: The building official may, in his discretion, waive the requirements for all or any of the plans and specifications heretofore specified, if he finds that a lesser amount of information will suffice to conform to the provisions and spirit of this chapter. (Ord. 423 §1(part), 1980).

15.40.030 Application referral and public hearing. The town clerk shall refer the application to the building official with the request that he report his recommendations with respect to the application within ten days after receipt thereof. The building official may require the applicant to furnish additional information including, but not limited to, roof load tests and other engineering data at his sole discretion. In addition, a noticed public hearing on the proposed application shall be held as provided in Section 18.48.040. (Ord. 423 §1(part), 1980).

15.40.040 Procedure. (a) Before granting such permit the council shall take into consideration all pertinent matters concerning the proposed work which may affect the public health, safety, and general welfare in the neighborhood, including, without limitation, the orientation, location and size of the proposed facility.

(b) After the public hearing the council may:

(1) Grant the permit, with or without modification and upon such condition or conditions as it deems necessary including limiting the duration of the permit or making it subject to an annual review; or

(2) Deny the application in whole or in part. (Ord. 423 §1(part), 1980).

15.40.050 Suspension and revocation of permit. Any permit granted under this chapter may be revoked or suspended by the town council upon following the procedures and matters set forth in Section 18.44.045 of this code. (Ord 423 §1(part), 1980).

15.40.060 Inspections. The building official shall make such inspections as he may deem necessary in each individual case, taking into consideration the complexity of the work to be performed. The permittee shall pay to the town, in addition to the above-mentioned application fee, the actual costs of such inspections, and shall deposit with the town clerk, upon making application for a permit, the building official's estimate of the costs of inspection. (Ord. 423 §1(part), 1980).