

Solar Energy System Zoning Guidelines

- Roof Mounted Solar PV is a permitted accessory structure in all zoning districts. A building permit is required for construction.
- The panels must be located so that they do not reflect light onto abutting residential lots.
- The panels may not extend above the peak of the roof to which it is attached.
- No panels may be mounted facing or within a 60-degree angle of the front lot line, except if the front lot line is the southerly facing lot line.
- Ground mounted systems are not permitted.

Zoning Code Regulations

Zoning Code Section 9-101C13:

“Solar Energy Systems, Roof Mounted. Solar panels when mounted on the roof of a single family residence must satisfy each of the following conditions:

- (a) Each solar panel must be located so it does not reflect light onto abutting residential lots.
- (b) A solar panel may not extend above the peak of the roof to which it is attached.
- (c) No solar panel may be mounted facing or within a 60-degree angle of the front lot line, except if the front lot line is the southerly lot line of the zoning lot in which case this limitation does not apply.”

Online Solar Resources

- **Consumer Resources:**
 - <http://www.irecusa.org/consumer-protection/>
 - <https://www.seia.org/initiatives/solar-customer-resource-portal>
 - <https://www.seia.org/initiatives/consumer-protection-industry-resource-portal>
 - <https://www.illinoisolar.org/ISEA-Code-of-Conduct>
 - <https://www.seia.org/research-resources/seia-guide-land-leases-solar>
 - <https://www.thesolarfoundation.org/leasing-municipal-private-property-for-solar-key-steps-considerations/>
- **Solar Potential Resources:**
 - <https://www.google.com/get/sunroof/data-explorer/>
 - <https://apps1.eere.energy.gov/sled/#/>