



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

SOLAR/PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM REVIEW

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

The following is a guide to assist you in obtaining Architectural approval for your project. Any questions regarding the process can be answered from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday by contacting the Building Department at 516.326.6319 or FPBuildings@FPVillage.org
The Building Department is located at 1 Pool and Garage Road, Floral Park, NY

***** Please note the format of submission has changed as of August 2020 – Documents must be submitted as (1) One Paper Copy and Electronically in PDF format. See below for further instructions *****

General Information:	Incomplete applications will not be accepted
All applications for Solar/Photovoltaic Systems must be reviewed by the Architectural Review Board. The Homeowner must be present at the hearing. If the Homeowner cannot be present, the case will not be heard.	
The Architectural Review Board consists of local volunteers who are responsible for reviewing and approving all exterior building elements in our community, including signs, awnings and storefronts. The purpose of the Board is to protect property values, create a more attractive economy and business climate, enhance and protect the physical appearance of the community, preserve the architectural character of buildings, preserve the scenic and natural beauty of designated areas and to provide a more enjoyable and pleasing community. All applications are reviewed considering the entire façade including relationships to the neighboring buildings.	
The Board typically meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, applications must be submitted a minimum <u>two weeks</u> prior to the meeting date. Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis with a maximum of 12 applications per month. It is strongly recommended that the design professional attend the meeting in the event that changes are necessary.	
Filing Requirements for Solar/Photovoltaic Systems:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Review Board Application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee: cash or check only	
One (1) Paper Set, collated and folded <u>and</u> an electronic set in PDF format emailed to ARB@FPVillage.org must include:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Drawings Drawn to Scale – 11" x 17" maximum size, collated and stapled, must include:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Title block including the address of the property and the name and contact information for the design professional.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A north arrow, scale and date on all drawings.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Roof plan with dimensions clearly showing proposed location of all equipment and clearances.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architectural elevations showing all the features of the building in elevation. All four elevations are required. Identify roof elements such as vent stacks, skylights and ridge vents, windows and doors.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Design criteria load itemization chart including but not limited to design wind speed, design dead and live load, existing roof construction. Provide the age of the dwelling.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Size/capacity of system and comparison to current electrical demand for the existing structure.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawings shall be stamped and sealed by a NYS Registered Architect or Engineer.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certification by the Architect or Engineer that the existing roof is capable of withstanding the new load per the NYS Building Code minimum requirements.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Glare effect analysis.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment and mounting manufacturer specifications.	
<input type="checkbox"/> When the system is not owned by the property owner, a summary of the electric bills for a 12-month period and the load calculations for the structure that the system supports and the design load calculation must be submitted to demonstrate a maximum of 10% over the average monthly electrical load	
<input type="checkbox"/> Property Survey (Property Survey Affidavit is also required if existing survey is older than 12 months)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Color photographs showing all elevations of the existing buildings on the property and the front façade of the buildings immediately adjacent to the property on either side.	



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Guidelines for Solar/Photovoltaic Panels on Residential Structures:

1. Solar energy systems are a permitted use in all zoning districts. The placement of solar energy equipment shall be placed on the main building only provided that said structure conforms to the minimum setback requirements of the code, no placement on grade or accessory structure is permitted. In addition to the building setback, the collector surface and mounting devices for roof-mounted solar systems shall not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted or built and shall follow the slope of the roof. Panels tilted away from the surface of the roof are not permitted. The maximum distance between the surface of the collector and the roof is 8 inches.
2. For aesthetic purposes the front slope of the principal building shall not be used for the location of the solar energy equipment. Systems shall be designed to blend into the architecture of the building. On corner and interior lots, the view from public right-of-ways must be taken into consideration.
3. Every effort of an array design shall be continuous without breaks or gaps between the panels and the perimeter panels shall align eliminating the stepping of the panels.
4. All systems shall be installed with critter guards.
5. All exterior electrical lines must be painted and/or coated to match the color of adjacent roofing material and walls. All visible exterior electrical lines must not be installed in any portion of the front of the property. Aluminum trim, if used and visible, should be color treated to blend into the surroundings as much as possible. The space between the bottom of the array and the top of the roof shall be screened off.
6. The number of modules and arrays installed on each property will be limited to a maximum of 10% above the average monthly usage over the prior one-year period. The number of solar panels and supporting equipment shall be considered as one system.
7. Solar energy commercial operations are prohibited as a use on residentially zoned property. These are systems whose main purpose is to generate energy for sale back into the energy grid system rather than being consumed on the site.
8. Panels shall be placed to ensure emergency access to the roof and provide areas for smoke ventilation opportunities.
9. When energy storage systems are included as part of the solar collector system, they must be placed in a secure container or enclosure meeting the requirements of the NYS Building Code when in use and when no longer used shall be disposed of in accordance with Local requirements.
10. All systems shall be in compliance with the NYS Building Code. All photovoltaic systems shall comply with the National Electric and the components must have a UL listing. The system disconnect and the main service disconnect shall be located on the exterior of the structure for Fire Department access.
11. Only commercially made and professionally installed systems are permitted. All systems shall be installed by qualified installers and are to have proof of professional training and licensure.

Once plans have been approved by the Board, a full Mechanical/Electrical permit application, including full construction drawings, must be filed with the Building Department within 6 months of the approval date. If the plans are not submitted within this timeline a resubmission to the Architectural Review Board may be required.

All roof mounted solar panel plans will be reviewed by the Floral Park Fire Department in conjunction with the Floral Park Building Department for firefighting safety.



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APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE PLAN REVIEW

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION FOR ALL PROPOSED BUILDINGS, EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS AND IN-GROUND POOLS

Project information: (Check all that apply)		Incomplete applications will not be accepted	
<input type="checkbox"/> Addition/Alterations <input type="checkbox"/> New Building <input type="checkbox"/> New Garage <input type="checkbox"/> New Pool <input type="checkbox"/> Photovoltaic (Solar) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
Property Information:			
Property Address:			
Section:	Block:	Lot:	Zone:
Description of Work:			
Zoning Information: (not required for interior projects)			
Total Lot Square Footage (sf):			
Existing	Minimum Side Yard:	Aggregate Side Yard:	Front Yard: Rear Yard:
	Lot Coverage (sf):	Lot Coverage (%):	Rear Lot Coverage (sf): Rear Lot Coverage (%):
	Total Building Area (sf):	Building Height (stories):	Building Height (ft)
Proposed	Minimum Side Yard:	Aggregate Side Yard:	Front Yard: Rear Yard:
	Lot Coverage (sf):	Lot Coverage (%):	Rear Lot Coverage (sf): Rear Lot Coverage (%):
	Total Building Area (sf):	Building Height (stories):	Building Height (ft)
Owner Information:			
Owner Name:			
Mailing Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Phone Number:		Email:	
Design Professional Information:			
Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> RA <input type="checkbox"/> PE	
Company Name:		NYS License Number:	
Company Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Phone Number:		Email:	
Material Submission Agreement:			
I agree and understand that failure to furnish samples of colors and materials on the night of my scheduled hearing may result in postponing my approval until the next available hearing.			
Owner/Applicant Signature:			
Print Name:		Signature:	Date:
Building Department Use Only:			
Permit Fee:	Receipt:		
DOB/ZONING Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial	Date:	By:
ARB Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial	Date:	By: