



Permit No. _____

Date _____

**TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA**

APPLICATION FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR PERMIT

I/We, the undersigned, hereby apply for a permit to install a rooftop solar system on my house/garage located at. _____

Comments:

Approximate Cost: \$ _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION:

Name & Address:

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION: (If different from property owner):

Address:

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Accessory Solar Energy Systems (ASES)

A. Regulations Applicable to Accessory Solar Energy Systems

1. ASES shall be permitted as an accessory use in all zoning districts in the Township, provided that a person desiring to construct and use ASES shall first obtain a permit from the Township and pay its applicable administrative fee for issuance of the same, which fee may be established by the Township by Resolution and amended thereafter by subsequent Resolution as determined necessary by the Board of Supervisors, unless such ASES are exempt as set forth in Section 3(A) (2) of this Ordinance.
2. Exemptions. Any physical modification to an existing ASES, whether existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, that materially alters the ASES shall require approval under this Ordinance. Routine maintenance or like-kind replacements do not require a permit.
3. The ASES layout, design, installation, and ongoing maintenance shall conform to applicable industry standards, such as those of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Underwriters Laboratories (UL), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC), Electrical Testing Laboratory (ETL), Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) or other similar certifying organizations, and shall comply with the PA Uniform Construction Code and its supporting regulations, as amended, and with all other applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The manufacturer specifications for the key components of the system shall be submitted with the application.
4. ASES **installers** must certify that they are listed as a certified installer on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), approved solar installer list or that they meet the criteria to be a DEP-approved installer by meeting or exceeding one of the following requirements:
 - a. Is certified by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP);
 - b. Has completed an Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) Institute for Sustainable Power Quality (ISPQ) accredited PV training program or a PV manufacturer's training program and successfully installed a minimum of three PV systems; or
 - c. For residential applications, a registered home improvement contractor with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office.
5. All on-site utility, transmission lines, and plumbing associated with any ASES shall be placed underground to the extent feasible.

The owner of an ASES shall provide the Township with written confirmation that the public utility company to which the ASES will be connected has been informed of the customer's intent to install a grid-connected system and approved of such connection. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

- 5. The display of advertising is prohibited except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer of the system.
- 6. Glare shall be prevented or minimized to the extent possible.
- a. All ASES should be placed such that concentrated solar radiation or glare does not project onto nearby structures or roadways.
- b. The applicant has the burden of proving that any glare produced does not have significant adverse impact on neighboring or adjacent uses either through siting or mitigation.

7. An ASES may sell power back to the grid; however, an ASES is distinguished by being primarily for the purpose of providing energy to the users on the property upon which the ASES is located.

a. An ASES shall have a certification from the installer or manufacturer that the specific plan for the site is designed to include solar panels for not more than two (2) times the expected-on property use.

b. Lot coverage for primary use and the ASES shall not be more than 50% coverage.

- 8. An ASES shall comply with the setbacks established for the zoning district in which it is located.

Roof-Mounted and Wall-Mounted Accessory Solar Energy Systems

- 1. A roof- or wall-mounted ASES may be located on a principal or accessory building.
- 2. ASES mounted on roofs or walls of any building shall comply with any applicable airport hazard zoning ordinance or similar ordinance.
- 3. Solar panels shall not extend beyond the roof edge.
- 4. **Roof-mounted solar panels shall be located only on rear- or side-facing roofs**, as viewed from any adjacent street, unless the applicant's contractor or installer demonstrates and provides documentation and receives approval from the Jackson Township Planning Commission that, due to solar access limitations, no location exists other than the street-facing roof, where the solar energy system can perform effectively. In the urban and historic districts, front-mounted solar panels are not allowed.
- 5. For roof and wall-mounted systems, the applicant shall provide evidence that the plans comply with the Uniform Construction Code and adopted building code of the Township and that the roof or wall can hold the load imposed on the structure.

I _____ (Property Owner), agree to abide by the above regulations.

Date: _____

Property Owner Signature

I _____ (Authorized Agent of Installation Company) agree to abide by the above regulations.

Date: _____

Authorized Company Representative

Solar Permit Fee Due \$100.00

Amount Paid \$ _____ Check# _____ Date: _____

This zoning permit shall expire ninety (90) days from the date of issuance, if the work described in the permit is not begun. If the work described has begun, the permit shall expire after two (2) years. In the event of this permit being denied, you have 30 days, from the date of the denial, to file an appeal with the Zoning Hearing Board.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Township Use Only

Permit Approved _____

Date: _____

Permit Refused _____

Reason for Refusal _____