
Sec. 5.11.15. Alternative Energy.

B. *Solar Energy Systems.*

3. *Placement.*

- a. Solar collection systems shall be placed so as not to adversely affect the pleasure and enjoyment of nearby residential uses.
- b. Ground-mounted equipment. Ground mounted equipment for the collection of solar energy is permitted to the side or rear of the main building, but not within five (5) feet of a side or rear property line, shall be otherwise sited to minimize view from the public right-of-way and adjacent properties, and shall be camouflaged to the extent that the equipment can function normally.
- c. Rooftop equipment. Rooftop equipment for the collection of solar energy may be installed on the roof of a main or accessory structure, including carports or similar structures, when:
 - i. The panels do not extend more than two (2) feet above the height of the structure upon which it is placed.
 - ii. The panels do not project beyond the eaves of the roof.
 - iii. The panels are integrated, to the extent possible, with the architectural character of the building or structure on which the equipment is affixed. No unfinished lumber is permitted. ~~The panels are not located on the street-facing side of the structure, except where the street-facing side has a southern exposure.~~
 - ~~iv. The panels are integrated, to the extent possible, with the architectural character of the building or structure on which the equipment is affixed. No unfinished lumber is permitted.~~

4. *Administrative Departure.* An Administrative Departure may be approved for a location not meeting the requirements of this Section after considering the following:

- a. Potential on-street glare from the solar energy system;
- b. Alternative on-site locations; ~~and The direction in which the roof faces;~~
- c. The extent to which neighborhood character may be compromised. ~~Alternative on-site locations; and~~
- ~~d. The extent to which neighborhood character may be compromised.~~

5. *Connection to the Power Grid.* Any and all of the energy generated by solar energy systems may be transferred directly into the utility grid. Any connections shall comply with all other applicable City ordinances and policies and all applicable State or Federal laws.