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§141-1 DEFINITIONS

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM:

A system that converts solar energy into electrical energy including panels, inverters, wiring, and mounting systems.

- **ROOF-MOUNTED SYSTEM:**

A solar system installed on an existing roof structure.

- **GROUND-MOUNTED SYSTEM:**

A solar system installed on a ground support structure.

- **RAPID SHUTDOWN SYSTEM:**

A safety system that de-energizes solar conductors during emergency conditions.

§141-2 PERMITS REQUIRED

No solar system shall be installed without:

- Building Permit (required for all installations)
- Electrical Permit (required for wiring, inverter, service work)
- Utility Interconnection Approval (required before energization)

§141-3 GENERAL INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

All installations shall comply with:

- NYS Building Code
- NYS Electrical Code
- NEC (NFPA 70)
- Manufacturer specifications

Systems must be installed by qualified personnel and maintained in safe operating condition.

§141-4 STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

Roof-Mounted Systems:

- Must be securely fastened to structural framing
- Must comply with snow and wind load requirements
- Roof penetrations must be properly sealed and flashed

Ground-Mounted Systems:

- Must comply with setback requirements
- Must not obstruct drainage or easements
- Must be securely anchored

§141-5 FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All systems shall:

- Maintain required roof access pathways
- Provide clear perimeter and ridge setbacks where required
- Include labeled DC disconnect switch
- Include NEC-compliant rapid shutdown system

§141-6 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

- All equipment must be UL listed

- Must comply with National Electrical Code (NEC)
- Proper grounding and bonding required
- Disconnects must be accessible and clearly labeled
- Utility approval required before energization

§141- 7 ZONING REQUIREMENTS

Roof-Mounted:

- Permitted accessory use in all zones
- Must not extend beyond roof edge in hazardous manner

Ground-Mounted:

- Subject to zoning review for:
 - Setbacks
 - Height
 - Lot coverage

§141-8 INSPECTIONS REQUIRED

- Structural inspection
- Electrical rough inspection
- Final inspection prior to energization
- Utility approval verification (if applicable)

No system shall be activated without final approval.

§141-8 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

- System must remain in safe working condition
- Damaged panels must be repaired or removed
- Loose wiring or unsafe conditions must be corrected immediately

§141-9 ENFORCEMENT

Enforced by:

- Village Building Department
- Electrical Inspector
- Fire Inspector (as applicable)

Violations may result in:

- Stop work order
- Fines
- Permit suspension
- Removal of non-compliant systems

§141-10. FEES

- The fees, fines and charges required or authorized by this chapter shall be as set forth in the Village Fee Schedule, as adopted from time to time by resolution of the Village Board. The Fee Schedule is incorporated herein by reference.

§141-11. EFFECTIVE

Effective upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.