

## PERMIT APPLICATION

# NY State Unified Solar Permit

Unified solar permitting is available statewide for eligible solar photovoltaic (PV) installations. Municipal authorities that adopt the unified permit streamline their process while providing consistent and thorough review of solar PV permitting applications and installations. Upon approval of this application and supporting documentation, the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) will issue a building and/or electrical permit for the solar PV installation described herein.

### PROJECT ELIGIBILITY FOR UNIFIED PERMITTING PROCESS

By submitting this application, the applicant attests that the proposed project meets the established eligibility criteria for the unified permitting process (subject to verification by the AHJ). The proposed solar PV system installation:

- Yes     No    1. Has a rated DC capacity of 25 kW or less.
- Yes     No    2. Is not subject to review by an Architectural or Historical Review Board. (If review has already been issued answer YES and attach a copy)
- Yes     No    3. Does not need a zoning variance or special use permit.  
(If variance or permit has already been issued answer YES and attach a copy)
- Yes     No    4. Is mounted on a permitted roof structure, on a legal accessory structure, or ground mounted on the applicant's property. If on a legal accessory structure, a diagram showing existing electrical connection to structure is attached.
- Yes     No    5. The Solar Installation Contractor complies with all licensing and other requirements of the jurisdiction and the State.
- Yes     No    6. If the structure is a sloped roof, solar panels are mounted parallel to the roof surface.

For solar PV systems not meeting these eligibility criteria, the applicant is not eligible for the Unified Solar Permit and must submit conventional permit applications. Permit applications may be downloaded here: [villageofweedsport.org](http://villageofweedsport.org) or obtained in person at 8892 South Street, Weedsport, NY 13166 during business hours 8 am -4:30 pm.

### SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

For projects meeting the eligibility criteria, this application and the following attachments will constitute the Unified Solar Permitting package.

- This application form, with all fields completed and bearing relevant signatures.
- Permitting fee of \$35.00, payable by cash or check, payable to the Village of Weedsport.
- Required Construction Documents for the solar PV system type being installed.

Completed permit applications can be submitted electronically to [vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org](mailto:vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org) or in person at 8892 South Street Weedsport, NY 13166 during business hours 8 am-4:30 pm.

### APPLICATION REVIEW TIMELINE

Permit determinations will be issued within seven calendar days upon receipt of complete and accurate applications. The municipality will provide feedback within seven calendar days of receiving incomplete or inaccurate applications.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions about this permitting process may be directed to the Village Clerk.

## PROPERTY OWNER

Property Owner's First Name

Last Name

Title

Property Address

City

State

Zip

Section

Block

Lot Number

## EXISTING USE

Single Family     2-4 Family     Commercial     Other

## PROVIDE THE TOTAL SYSTEM CAPACITY RATING (SUM OF ALL PANELS)

Solar PV System: \_\_\_\_\_ kW DC

## SELECT SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

Make sure your selection matches the Construction Documents included with this application.

Supply side connection with microinverters     Load side connection with DC optimizers  
 Supply side connection with DC optimizers     Load side connection with microinverters  
 Supply side connection with string inverter     Load side connection with string inverter

## SOLAR INSTALLATION CONTRACTOR

Contractor Business Name

Contractor Business Address

City

State

Zip

Contractor Contact Name

Phone Number

Contractor License Number(s)

Contractor Email

Electrician Business Name

Electrician Business Address

City

State

Zip

Electrician Contact Name

Phone Number

Electrician License Number(s)

Electrician Email

Please sign below to affirm that all answers are correct and that you have met all the conditions and requirements to submit a unified solar permit.

Property Owner's Signature

Date

Solar Installation Company Representative Signature

Date

## SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS SOLAR PV 25KW OR LESS (ATTACHMENTS)

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This information bulletin is published to guide applicants through the unified solar PV permitting process for solar photovoltaic (PV) projects 25 kW in size or smaller. This bulletin provides information about submittal requirements for plan review, required fees, and inspections.

*Note: Language below indicates where local jurisdictions need to provide information specific to the jurisdiction. Language in italics indicates explanatory notes from the authors of this document that may be deleted from the distributed version.*

### PERMITS AND APPROVALS REQUIRED

The following permits are required to install a solar PV system with a nameplate DC power output of 25 kW or less:

- a) Unified Solar Permit
- b) [LIST TYPE OF PERMIT(S) REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, i.e., ELECTRICAL OR BUILDING PERMIT].

Planning review IS required for solar PV installations of this size.

Fire Department approval IS NOT required for solar PV installations of this size.

### SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to submit a complete permit application for a new solar PV system, the applicant must include:

- a) Completed Standard Permit Application form which includes confirmed eligibility for the Unified Solar Permitting process. This permit application form can be downloaded at [villageofweedsport.org](http://villageofweedsport.org).
- b) Construction Document samples are not required due to the application will include a NYS Licensed Architects Stamp and Signature.

### PLAN REVIEW

Permit applications can be submitted to Village of Weedsport in person at 8892 South Street Weedsport, NY 13166 and electronically through: EMAIL: [vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org](mailto:vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org) FAX: (315) 834-9110.

### FEES

\$35.00

### INSPECTIONS

Once all permits to construct the solar PV installation have been issued and the system has been installed, it must be inspected before final approval is granted for the solar PV system. On-site inspections can be scheduled by contacting Village of Weedsport by telephone at (315) 834-6634 or electronically at [vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org](mailto:vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org). Inspection requests received within business hours are typically scheduled for the next business day. If next business day is not available, inspection should happen within a five-day window.

In order to receive final approval, the following inspections are required:

Rough-Electrical inspection, Final Electrical Inspection, Final (CC) Certificate of Compliance

During a rough inspection, the applicant must demonstrate that the work in progress complies with relevant codes and standards. The purpose of the rough inspection is to allow the inspector to view aspects of the system that may be concealed once the system is complete, such as:

- Wiring concealed by new construction.
- Portions of the system that are contained in trenches or foundations that will be buried upon completion of the system.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify [GaneyTJ@AOL.com](mailto:GaneyTJ@AOL.com) before the components are buried or concealed and to provide safe access (including necessary climbing and fall arrest equipment) to the inspector.

The inspector will attempt, if possible, to accommodate requests for rough inspections in a timely manner.

[FINAL INSPECTION] The applicant must contact [GaneyTJ@AOL.com](mailto:GaneyTJ@AOL.com) when ready for a final inspection. During this inspection, the inspector will review the complete installation to ensure compliance with codes and standards, as well as confirming that the installation matches the records included with the permit application. The applicant must have ready, at the time of inspection, the following materials and make them available to the inspector:

- Copies of as-built drawings and equipment specifications, if different than the materials provided with the application.
- Photographs of key hard to access equipment, including;
  - Example of array attachment point and flashing/sealing methods used.
  - Opened rooftop enclosures, combiners, and junction boxes.
  - Bonding point with premises grounding electrode system.
  - Supply side connection tap method/device.
  - Module and microinverter/DC optimizer nameplates.
  - Microinverter/DC optimizer attachment.

The Village of Weedsport has adopted a standardized inspection checklist, which can be found in the Understanding Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting in New York State document, found here: [villageofweedsport.org](http://villageofweedsport.org).

The inspection checklist provides an overview of common points of inspection that the applicant should be prepared to show compliance. If not available, common checks include the following:

- Number of solar PV modules and model number match plans and specification sheets number match plans and specification sheets.
- Array conductors and components are installed in a neat and workman-like manner.
- Solar PV array is properly grounded.
- Electrical boxes and connections are suitable for environment.
- Array is fastened and sealed according to attachment detail.
- Conductor’s ratings and sizes match plans.
- Appropriate signs are property constructed, installed and displayed, including the following:
  - Sign identifying PV power source system attributes at DC disconnect.
  - Sign identifying AC point of connection.
  - Rapid shutdown device meets applicable requirements of NEC 690.12.
- Equipment ratings are consistent with application and installed signs on the installation, including the following:
  - Inverter has a rating as high as max voltage on PV power source sign.
  - DC-side overcurrent circuit protection devices (OCPDs) are DC rated at least as high as max voltage on sign.
  - Inverter is rated for the site AC voltage supplied and shown on the AC point of connection sign.
  - OCPD connected to the AC output of the inverter is rated at least 125% of maximum current on sign and is no larger than the maximum OCPD on the inverter listing label.
  - Sum of the main OCPD and the inverter OCPD is rated for not more than 120% of the buss bar rating.

## UNIFIED SOLAR PERMITTING RESOURCES

The jurisdiction has adopted the following documents from the New York Unified Solar Permit process: Delete any documents not adopted by the jurisdiction.

- Standard Application [vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org](mailto:vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org)
- Understanding Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting in New York State document, construction documents, inspection checklist, design review checklist, and labelling guide [villageofweedsport.org](http://villageofweedsport.org)

## DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information regarding this permit process, please consult our departmental website at [vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org](http://vweedsport@villageofweedsport.org) or contact Tim Ganey via email [GaneyTJ@AOL.com](mailto:GaneyTJ@AOL.com).