

# **SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

## **SITE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

### **SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

This summary has been prepared by the Bronxville Planning Board to inform applicants and the public about procedures for obtaining approval of solar energy systems. Applicants are cautioned, however, that detailed requirements are specified in Village of Bronxville Municipal Code Section 310-22F, and this summary is intended only as a general guide and description of steps to be followed.

### **SOLAR PANEL SITE PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

A Solar Energy Permit application should be submitted for review prior to a Solar Panel Site Plan Application. Please include your denial from the Building Department in your Planning Board submission.

Every application for Site Plan Approval must be documented by the following information unless otherwise directed by the Planning Board. One (1) complete set of the formal application must be submitted for approval a minimum of four (4) weeks before the next scheduled meeting to be considered for that meeting. Once approved by the Building Inspector the applicant will then be notified of the meeting date. The applicant will be required to submit **five (5) additional COMPLETE, COLLATED** copies with the original Affidavit of mailing and mail receipts to the Planning Department office a minimum of one (1) week prior to the meeting. **You must also send an electronic copy of your application to our office in PDF format.** Please do not send each page separately. Your electronic copy should be in one PDF. Please make sure it includes all items from your approved submission.

1. Complete Site Development Application Form
2. Required filling fee of **\$250.00 plus \$5/\$1,000** of construction cost or 1% of the Village's Assessed Value if no construction planned.
3. Site plan drawn to scale prepared by a licensed surveyor under his seal. The following is to be included:
  - a. Specifications including: elevations, roof plan detailing of 2020 Residential Building Code of New York State (Energy Storage Systems) and Section 310.22 – F of the panels, energy storage systems, rack systems. required conforming to the requirements Section 324 (solar panels), Section R327 Village Code. Cut sheet for equipment -
  - b. Line drawing of electrical circuits, equipment connections and associated details.
  - c. Pictures from street, side yard and rear yard.
  - d. GIS pictorial of roof.
  - e. Details for required screening - fence or plantings.
  - f. NY State Registered Engineer drawing and letter of certification for any increased loads imposed on the structure, designed wind/ snow loads for proposed system.

Refer to the Village of Bronxville Municipal Code Section 310-22 F for applicable requirements for this application. Link <https://ecode360.com/BR1468/laws/LF1529146.pdf>

**NO PROPOSED WORK MAY COMMENCE UNTIL A SOLAR AND/OR ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED.**

The Planning Board may waive any of the above submission that it believes to be unnecessary. (Except the Environmental Information Statement).

The Planning Board may require additional information it deems necessary to make a determination. This information may include:

- a. Photographs of the site and adjoining properties.
  - b. Building sections.
  - c. Professional studies of the effect of the proposed development on the community with respect to such factors as parking, traffic, surface water drainage and public utilities including water, gas, electric and sanitary sewers.
  - d. Detailed drawings of decorative elements.
  - e. Samples of exterior materials and colors.
  - f. Location and method of refuse storage (including recyclable).
  - g. Scale drawings of signs.
  - h. Scale model of the proposed project.
8. Denial letter from the Building Department.
9. All applications subject to Westchester County Review
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## **SITE PLAN APPLICATION, PROCEDURES AND SEQUENCE**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND LEGAL NOTICES**

A public hearing must be held for all applications that appear before the Planning Board. The applicant is responsible for sending a legal notice indicating the date, time and nature of the public hearing to: (1) a newspaper of general circulation within the Village of Bronxville; and, (2) to all property owners within 400 feet of the site boundaries. Directions for determining the 400 foot radius around the property can be found on the Building Department Website ([www.villageofbronxville.com](http://www.villageofbronxville.com)) under Government click on Planning then click on link on left hand side saying "GIS – Surrounding Properties link." After creating the list of owners and addresses from this site, verify the list with the Eastchester Tax Assessors Office. Notices must be posted in the newspaper and post-marked no less than 10 days prior to a Planning Board meeting. Notices to property owners within 400 feet of the site must be sent by Certified Mail (the Building Department does not require Return Receipts). Proof of mailing shall be provided by way of an affidavit of mailing (see form included in this package) and submission to the Planning and Building Department of the original certificates of mailing. Newspapers of general circulation in the Village of Bronxville include (notice in only one newspaper on one day is required): The Journal News Phone: 914-694-5123 Fax: 914-696-8403.

### **Filing Requirements:**

Initial submission: One (1) complete set of the formal application for the development is to be made on the form provided by the Village, copies of plans and statements required by the Code (**Sec. 310-44.C**). The application must be accompanied by a fee of \$250.00 + \$5/1,000.00 of construction cost of the Village's assessed value of the project.

Within one week after the filing of an application and documents the applicant will be advised if the submission is considered to be complete. The Board may require additional information or the retaining of an expert at the applicant's expense. The applicant will be required to submit **five (5) additional COMPLETE, COLLATED** copies with the original Affidavit of mailing and mail receipts to the Planning Department office a minimum of one (1) week prior to the meeting. **You must also send an electronic copy of your application to our office in PDF format.** Please do not send each page separately. Your electronic copy should be in one PDF. Please make sure it includes all items from your approved submission.

## **REPORTS OF BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT AND COUNSEL**

Copies of the application and documents are sent by the secretary to members of the Board and DRC, together with the building inspector and Counsel's reports as to compliance with Village zoning laws and engineering requirements.

## **DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

The DRC, whose members are especially qualified in the design field, will review the plans and documents with the applicant and his architect. Review sessions, of which there may be more than one, are not hearings, but the Village gives notice of the dates, and the public may attend as observers. The DRC is required to make its report to the Board in sufficient time for the Board to hold its hearing within 60 days of the filing of the application, unless the time is extended with the consent of the applicant.

## **PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

A formal hearing must be held on every site plan application. The applicant will be advised of the date, and it is his responsibility to arrange for notice of the hearing to be given by newspaper publication and service on the neighboring property owners **at least (10) ten days prior to the hearing**. Copies of the certified mail receipts are to be submitted to the Board as proof of service. The superintendent's office will provide the form, and contents of the notice. All documents, including any revisions agreed upon during the DRC review, must be on file with the Village at least (10) ten days before the hearing.

At the hearing the applicant and the public are heard, and any person may offer evidence or testimony. Following the hearing the Board makes findings of fact and may:

Grant final approval of the application.

Disapprove the application.

Grant preliminary approval subject to modifications, improvements, and conditions to be complied by the applicant.

## **VARIANCES**

The Planning Board does not have the power to grant variances from the zoning law. A condition of any site plan development approval is that the applicants seek and obtain all necessary variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Planning Board may however make recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals that a variance be granted or denied.

# Village of Bronxville Planning Board

## Required timeline for submissions in order to be added to the next available meeting.

Time Prior to meeting Date	4 Weeks	2 Weeks	10 Days	1 Week
Action Required				
1) Application Submission	X			
2) Response to Review from Zoning Enforcement Officer		X		
3) Notice to Newspaper sent by applicant			X	
4) Notifications to neighboring properties mailed by applicant			X	
5) Submission of 1 complete PDF with all submissions (application to be first)				X
6) Submission of 5 complete collated hard copies submitted to Zoning Secretary				X
7) Submission of Affidavit of Mailing Form, original green receipts to zoning				X

- 1) Submit to Planning – Completed application (incomplete applications will be rejected) – by applicant
- 2) Submit corrections/ responses to Zoning Enforcement Officers review of application – by applicant
- 3) Newspaper notice submitted to newspaper - by applicant
- 4) Mail notification to neighboring property owners – by applicant
- 5) Submit electronic copy of application, plans, pictures, etc.. (one pdf file for all materials) – by applicant
- 6) Submit 5 hard copies application, plans, pictures, etc.– collated – by applicant
- 7) Submit Affidavit of Mailing Form with original green receipts to Zoning Secretary – by applicant

**This checklist is for your records. If any of the below items are not submitted by the required time you will be postponed to the next available agenda (see chart above).**

- ☐ Submitted application a minimum of 4 weeks prior to meeting
- ☐ Responded to comments from Building Inspector's review a minimum of 2 weeks prior to meeting date. (If an application is not complete 2 weeks prior to the meeting you must be postponed to the next available agenda.)
- ☐ Sent notification to neighboring properties a minimum of 10 days prior to meeting.
- ☐ Sent one complete PDF of all submitted materials to Planning Secretary (1 PDF to include all submitted documents with application form first) one week prior to meeting.
- ☐ Submitted 5 complete collated hardcopy sets to the Planning Secretary one week prior to meeting.
- ☐ Submitted the Affidavit of Mailing form along with original "green" mailing receipts to Planning Secretary one week prior to meeting.

**Village of Bronxville**  
**Solar Energy System Site Development Application**

☐ Solar Panel Application    ☐ Energy Storage System

Project Name, If Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Plans Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning Variances Required: \_\_\_\_\_

County, State or Federal Permits Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed use(s) of site: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anticipated construction time: \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Use Only							
Date Received	Docket No.	Section	Block	Lot	Permit #	Fee Paid	Date Approved

Current land use of site: (Residential; Commercial; Undeveloped) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current condition of site: (Building; Brush; ect.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost of proposed improvements: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide total system capacity rating \_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe Solar Energy System Proposed:

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Owners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owners Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Information for Persons Proposing to Submit an Application for Solar Energy Systems**

### **How to apply:**

Application forms are available on the Villages Website [www.villageofbronxville.com/planning-board](http://www.villageofbronxville.com/planning-board). One complete copy of the application, which must include a site plan, and environmental information statement, and any other necessary documentation must be filed with the Building Inspector. Before making a formal application, you may request in writing an informal pre-application meeting with the Planning Board and Design Review Committee to obtain general information and guidance.

### **Fee:**

The basic fee for an application for site plan approval is \$250.00 + \$5/1,000 of construction cost of Village's assessed value if no construction is planned. Appropriate fee must accompany the application.

**An additional fee may be charged by the Planning Board to cover the costs of any experts whose advice is necessary to evaluate the application. Escrow fee and application may also be required.**

### **Hearings:**

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the application. The law requires the applicant to give proper notice of the hearing. Notice must be given by publication in the Village's official newspaper "The Journal News – Southern Addition" and by personal service or certified mail to owners of property located within 400 feet of the property to be developed at least 10 days before the hearing. Forms of the required notices are available on our website [www.villageofbronxville.com/planning-board](http://www.villageofbronxville.com/planning-board). Once approved you will be notified by our office, at that time you can go to our website to pull your 400' radius list. There is a link with directions on how to do this is under the Planning Section of our website. If the application receives preliminary approval subject to compliance with modifications or conditions a further hearing of which the applicant must also give notice will be required prior to the issuance of final approval. Final approval will be granted or denied within 60 days after the first hearing on the preliminary application unless the time is extended by request of the applicant.

### **Decisions:**

To obtain final approval, include five copies of the application, including a final site plan which incorporates all modifications and conditions required by the Planning Board. The Planning Board will grant or deny final approval.

**VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE PLANNING BOARD MEETING ANOUNCEMENT**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Village of Bronxville at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, N.Y. on

\_\_\_\_\_ at 7:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be  
(Date)  
heard, to consider an application for the development filed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Developer)

Requiring approval of a site plan of property located at the property located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Property Address)

Section \_\_\_\_\_, Block \_\_\_\_\_, Lot \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the application for development, including the proposed site plan and all other maps and documents filed therewith, is on file and available for public inspection on any business day prior to the hearing between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm at the office of Superintendent of Buildings, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Village Hall, Bronxville, N.Y.

The Public is invited to attend the public hearing and will be given reasonable opportunity to present oral comments or written presentation relevant to the application. The hearing may be presentation relevant to the application. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time at the discretion of the Planning Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Developer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Developer)



**VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING ANOUNCEMENT**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADJOINING PROPERTIES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Design Review Committee of the Village of Bronxville at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, N.Y. on

\_\_\_\_\_ at 7:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard,  
(Date)  
to consider an application for the development filed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Developer)

Requiring approval of a site plan of property located at the property located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Property Address)

Section \_\_\_\_\_, Block \_\_\_\_\_, Lot \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the application for development, including the proposed site plan and all other maps and documents filed therewith, is on file and available for public inspection one week prior to the hearing on the Village of Bronxville's website: [www.villageofbronxville.com/design-review-committee](http://www.villageofbronxville.com/design-review-committee) under upcoming meeting, or by appointment in person.

The Public is invited to attend the public hearing and will be given reasonable opportunity to present oral comments or written presentation relevant to the application. The hearing may be presentation relevant to the application. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time at the discretion of the DRC and/or Planning Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Developer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Developer)

**This document must be sent to Journal News by Applicant. Do NOT submit this application to our office.**

## AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING FOR ZONING AND PLANNING BOARD

Name and Location of Project:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_, Block \_\_\_\_\_, Lot(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

1. I am the agent, owner or legal representative of the referenced property.
2. I have prepared a list of property owners located within 100 feet for Zoning and 400' for Planning of the boundaries for of the referenced property, by street address and section, block and lot.
3. I have sent, by certificate of mailing, a copy of the legal notice to each and every property owner within 100 feet of the boundaries of the referenced property.
4. I have published the legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Eastchester on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, no less than 10 days prior to a Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
5. I have attached the affidavit of publication from the publisher of the newspaper.
6. I understand that I must bring this signed and notarized Affidavit of Publication, along with the certificate of mailing receipts, to the Planning and Zoning Office one week prior to the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Sworn to me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**This document must be submitted to our office along with "green receipts" one week prior to meeting date.**

## ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION FEES

The undersigned does hereby agree to the following:

1. I (we) am (are) the owner(s) of premises located at the street address and identified on the tax maps as noted below, for which an application is being submitted to the Village of Bronxville:  
  
    \* Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
  
    \* Section: \_\_\_\_\_, Block: \_\_\_\_\_, Lot: \_\_\_\_\_
2. I understand and agree that there are certain fees for which I am responsible in conjunction with said application.
3. I understand that the Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and/or Design Review Board may seek the services of planning, engineering, environmental, legal, or other technical consultants or professionals as deemed necessary by the Board(s) to review my application. I will be responsible for any and all costs incurred by the Village for such consultations and professional opinions at the prevailing hourly rate agreed upon by the Village. Charges made by such consultants shall be in accord with charges usually made for such services in Westchester County. I understand that no employee of the Village or any member of the Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or Design Review Board can advise me, in advance, of what the total consulting fees might be.
4. Upon submission of my application, I shall provide a minimum retainer of \$5,000.00 up to a maximum initial amount as required by the Planning Board depending on the scope of proposed work, payable to the Village of Bronxville, to be held in escrow and applied toward the payment of consulting and professional fees incurred by the Village with regard to my application. When the balance of the escrow account is \$2,500.00 or less, I shall deposit additional retainer funds into the escrow account so that the minimum balance in said account is never less than \$5,000.00. Upon request, the Village shall provide me with a statement indicating expenses incurred and the amount of monies withdrawn from said account.
5. I understand that if I withdraw my application prior to any action being taken by the Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or Design Review Committee, I am still responsible for any expenses incurred by the Village with regard to my application prior to such withdrawal.
6. I understand that if at any time the minimum balance in said escrow account falls below \$1,000.00 and is not replenished prior to the next scheduled meeting on the application, the Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and/or Design Review Committee may suspend the review of my application and/or the Village Engineer may refuse to issue permits and/or certificates with regard to the premises, unless the Village has been advised by the consultant that no additional charges will accrue.

7. I understand that when it has been determined by the Village that all final charges against the escrow account established for my application have been paid, the remaining balance in the account, if any, shall be returned to the owner.
8. I understand that if there are still outstanding consulting fees relative to my application at the termination of the review process, the Village will pursue all legal options to retrieve such fees.
9. I understand that the imposition of escrow account fees are in addition to, and not in place of, other fee schedules currently in force.
10. All correspondence from the Village regarding the escrow account established for my application shall be addressed to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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OWNER (signature)

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OWNER (signature)

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OWNER (print name)

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OWNER ([print name)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## Escrow Deposit Schedule

### Minimum Escrow Deposit Requirements

Schedule of initial deposits required under Article X of the Zoning Code:

A. For subdivisions and residential site plan applications:

Number of Dwelling Units or Lots	Initial Deposit Amount
1 to 4	\$5,000
5 to 25	\$25,000
25 or more	\$25,000 + \$1,000 per unit

B. For nonresidential site plan applications:

(1) Up to and including 2,500 square feet: \$5,000.

(2) More than 2,500 square feet: \$5,000 plus \$2 per square foot.

C. For wireless communication facilities: \$5,000.

D. Other applications to the Village Board, Planning Board, Design Review Committee and/or Zoning Board where the Superintendent of Buildings or Village Engineer determines that professional consultation services will be required: \$2,500.

E. Provided, however, that the Village Administrator may reduce the required amount of the above deposits in his or her discretion depending on individual circumstances and only to an amount that will still cover Village anticipated costs and consultant expenses.