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State:	New York
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Municipality:	Town of Grand Island
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Title:	Town of Grand Island, New York Code § 407-165.1(D)- Solar collectors and installations for minor systems
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Abstract

The Town of Grand Island, New York allows roof-mounted systems if the distance between the roof and the highest edge of the system is in accordance with the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and the building-mounted solar collector shall not obstruct solar access to adjacent properties. Ground-mounted solar energy systems shall not exceed the height restrictions of the zones they are located in when oriented at maximum tilt.

Resource

§ 407-165.1. Solar energy facilities.

D. Solar collectors and installations for minor systems.

1. Roof-mounted systems are permitted as accessory uses in all zoning districts, subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The distance between the roof and highest edge of the system shall be in accordance with the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.
 - b. Rooftop and building-mounted solar collectors shall not obstruct solar access to adjacent properties.
2. Ground-mounted and freestanding solar collectors are permitted as accessory structures in zoning districts, subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The location of the solar collectors meets all applicable setback requirements of the zone in which they are located.
 - b. The height of the solar collectors and any mounts shall not exceed the height restrictions of the zoning when oriented at maximum tilt.
 - c. The solar collectors are located in a side or rear yard. If the side or rear yard is visible from adjacent properties and roads, there shall be a landscape buffer installed.
 - d. Ground-mounted and freestanding solar collectors shall not obstruct solar access to adjacent properties.

3. All solar collector installations must be performed in accordance with applicable electrical and building codes, the manufacturer's installation instructions, and industry standards, and prior to operation, the electrical connections must be inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer or by an appropriate electrical inspection person or agency, as determined by the Town. In addition, any connection to the public utility grid must be inspected by the appropriate public utility.
4. When solar storage batteries are included as part of the solar collector system, they must be placed in a secure container or enclosure meeting the requirements of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code when in use and when no longer used shall be disposed of in accordance with the laws and regulations of Erie County and other applicable laws and regulations.