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### ***Abstract***

The Village of Westfield’s supplemental zoning regulations regulate the use of active and passive solar energy systems. Westfield’s solar regulation requires special permits to authorize the placement of a solar electric system on an owner’s property. After a system’s owner obtains this permit, adjoining property owners must obtain a special permit prior to placing buildings, towers, vegetation, or other possible obstructions of the permitted system’s solar access. The regulation specifies that placement of potential obstructions “shall be such that it least interferes with the adjacent solar collectors while still allowing reasonable use of the land.” Village of Westfield, NY, Code § 155-57.

### ***Resource***

#### **Chapter 155. ZONING**

#### **Article VI. Supplemental Regulations**

#### **§ 155-57. Solar systems.**

In order to promote and protect the use of solar systems (active and passive) the following regulations shall apply:

- A. Solar permit and placement. The placement of structures or modification of existing structures which are to contain solar systems shall be by special use permit if protection is to be sought under Subsection B of this section. If no protection is sought for a solar system, then no permit shall be required for the installation unless the floor space is increased. Consideration will be given to locating the solar structure the furthest distance from adjoining properties, on the southern exposure, which is reasonably possible. This distance shall be a minimum of 100 feet and may be required to be more if the slope so dictates.

- B. Adjacent property control. The placement of structures, trees, towers, etc., which have the potential of blocking the sun from adjacent solar collectors established by special use permit under Subsection A of this section shall also only be allowed by special use permit. The placement of said potential obstructions shall be such that it least interferes with the adjacent solar collectors while still allowing reasonable use of the land.
  
- C. Notification. If protection is sought, owners of all properties within 200 feet of the property on which the solar collector is to be placed will be notified in writing of the intent to place a solar system in the neighborhood and the possible effects that this could have on future development. The date, time and location of the public hearing shall be included in the notification.