

**VILLAGE OF ROSCOE
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS SEC. §15-555 OF THE VILLAGE OF ROSCOE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO PRIVATE SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTION SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, §15-555 of the Village of Roscoe's Code of Ordinances establishes general construction standards Private solar energy collection systems; and

WHEREAS, the President and Village Board wish to amend such construction standards, and such a change in the Village's zoning code requires a text amendment to the Village's zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2024, the Village of Roscoe Zoning Board of Appeals held the requisite hearing pursuant to notice regarding the proposed text amendment; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2024, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to approve and recommend the proposed text amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Roscoe is authorized and empowered by statute to adopt and enforce the provisions of this ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ROSCOE, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Village of Roscoe Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Section §15-555 of the Village of Roscoe Code of Ordinances is hereby Amended, to reflect the amendments set forth herein:

SEE EXHIBIT "A"
ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE

Section 3. Any portion of any other ordinance in conflict with this ordinance is hereby expressly repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 4. All other portions of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Roscoe shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

2025-04

1st Read:

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON:

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee William Babcock (1)	X			
Trustee Stacy Mallicoat	X			
Trustee Susan Petty	X			
Trustee Justin Plock (2)	X			
Trustee Michael Sima	X			
Trustee Michael Wright	X			
President Carol A. Gustafson				

APPROVED MARCH 04, 2025:

Carol A. Gustafson
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Kimberly LaRza
VILLAGE CLERK

EXHIBIT "A"
(Ordinance 2025-04)

Solar Energy Collection Systems.

Solar Revisions

Section 15-555 – Private solar energy collection systems

(2) Ground-mounted systems.

a. Use. Ground-mounted solar energy collection systems require a Special Use Permit.

ba. Location. Ground mounted systems shall not be located within any required setback and shall not be located within the front or corner side yard.

cb. Fencing. Any yard containing a ground mounted solar energy production system shall provide a fence along adjacent properties. The fence shall comply with article VII of this chapter. Systems on parcels larger than 2.5 acres and set back further than 35 feet from all lot lines are exempt from this standard.

de. Maximum height. The maximum height of a ground mounted solar energy production system, including any structural elements or energy producing elements, shall not exceed a height that is one foot less than the height of the fence provided in accordance with subsection (2)b of this section. Systems on parcels larger than 2.5 acres and set back further than 35 feet from all lot lines shall be limited to 10 feet in height at maximum tilt.

i. Screening. Any systems taking advantage of the flexibility for parcels larger than 2.5 acres and setback further than 35 feet from all lot lines must incorporate some sort of screening (landscaping, fencing, etc.) to conceal their system from the public right-of-way and neighboring properties' view. This screening is subject to approval or modification by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Table 15-409. Residential Districts-Permitted and Special Uses

	<i>RE</i>	<i>R1</i>	<i>R2</i>	<i>RM</i>
Residential				
Single-family dwellings	P	P	P	P
Two-family dwellings			P	P
Multifamily dwellings				P
Community-based housing, fewer than 8 occupants			P	P
Community-based housing, equal to or more than 8 occupants			S	S

Senior housing and community-based housing projects				P
RV residences, tents, and other structures not requiring an occupancy permit				
Commercial				
Home occupations conducted in accordance with the regulations prescribed in section 15-550	P	P	P	P
Daycare facilities and nursery schools	S	S	S	
Bed and breakfast		S	S	S
Boardinghouses, hotel, motel and lodginghouses				S
Institutional				
Place of worship	S	S	S	S
Hospitals, sanitariums not for mental, drug addict, or liquor addict cases			S	S
Nursing homes	S	S	S	S
Public and parochial schools and colleges	S	S	S	S
Community service organizations				S
Community Facilities (Public Service)				
Public utility, public facility, and public services, pumping stations, power stations, equipment buildings and installations, water storage tanks found by the village board of trustees to be necessary for the public health, safety, or welfare	S	S	S	S
Civic uses				P
Recreational				

Golf courses, public parks, and playgrounds	S	S	S	S
Private recreation parks and swim clubs	S	S	S	
Private recreation parks and swim clubs open to membership outside the homeowner or condominium owners' association				S
Other				
Apiary/bee keeping	P	P	P	
Chicken keeping	P	P	P	
Raising of fruit and nut trees, vegetables, and horticultural specialties	P	P		
Temporary outdoor portable storage unit	P	P	P	
<u>Private solar energy collection systems – Ground-mounted</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>