

# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 31, 2019

**To:** SolSmart Reviewers

**From:** Craig Totaro

**Re:** Lansdowne Borough, PA - SolSmart Designation Criteria

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To Whom It May Concern:

This memorandum serves to complete the documentation for the following SolSmart Actions required for the Borough of Lansdowne's SolSmart designation: PZD-2a, P-12a, I-2, I-3, and I-5, I-6.

**PZD-2a: Post an online document from the Planning/Zoning Department that states accessory use solar PV is allowed by-right in all major zones.**

Currently, Lansdowne Borough processes applications for accessory use solar PV installations and allows those panels by-right, in most cases, provided that the appropriate permits are obtained. All solar installations must pass inspections and meet all current development codes. Currently, applications for solar panels do not require rezoning.

**PZD-10b: Ensure that the zoning ordinance exempts rooftop solar PV from certain restrictions on accessory uses.**

The zoning ordinance under §330-26 states that rooftop mechanical equipment "... may exceed the maximum height limitation for the district in which they are located by 15 feet." The Borough of Lansdowne considers rooftop solar PV systems to be rooftop mechanical equipment in this context.

**PZD-10c: Ensure that the zoning ordinance exempts small ground-mounted solar PV from certain restrictions on accessory uses.**

The Borough of Lansdowne does not subject accessory use ground-mounted solar PV systems to impervious surface calculations.

**P-12a: Share site specific solar PV and/or solar and storage permit data, including addresses, with first responders and their departments.**

Both building and zoning departments at Lansdowne Borough currently send emails to the fire department when a new solar system has been permitted. These emails contain the address, type of system (roof or ground mounted), and the Block and Lot numbers of the property.

**I-2: Require no more than two inspections for accessory use solar PV.**

The Borough of Lansdowne requires only two inspections for solar PV systems, an electrical inspection and a final inspection.

**I-3: Offer inspection appointment times in lieu of appointment windows for solar PV.**


The Borough of Lansdowne offers inspection appointments.

**I-5: Complete solar PV inspections within 5 business days after inspection request.**

The Borough of Lansdowne requires only 48 hours notice for inspections.

**I-6: Provide an online process for solar PV inspection scheduling.**

Inspection appointments can be scheduled online by emailing Michael Jozwiak at [Jozwiakm@borough.lansdowne.pa.us](mailto:Jozwiakm@borough.lansdowne.pa.us)

Signed  Date 7/31/19  
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