

**Sponsor:** *Administration*

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**

**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 18-812: GROUND-MOUNTED  
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM USE REGULATIONS,**

**CHANGES TO CHAPTER 185, USE REGULATIONS  
SCHEDULE PART III AND PART VII**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT:**

Chapter 185 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is hereby amended by the following **additions** to §185 Use Regulations Schedule Part III and Part VII, Attachment 4 and Attachment 8:

185 Attachment 4  
USE REGULATION SCHEDULE  
PART III

Symbols in the Use Regulations Schedule shall mean the following:

- Y = A permitted use.
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Principal Uses	District												
	RR/RRR/RRV/RV/II	SFR/III	SFR/IV	GRV	NC	RB	CI	CII	DC	B	I	LI	O
3. Industrial, utility													
3.1 Bus, railroad station	N	N	N	N	N	N	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP
3.2 Contractor's yard													
a. Landscape materials storage and distribution	N	N	N	N	N	N <sup>7</sup>	N	N	N	N <sup>7</sup>	P/SP	N	N
b. Other	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N <sup>7</sup>	P/SP	N	N
3.3 Earth removal													
a. Earth removal, commercial <sup>1,3,6</sup>	N	N	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N	BA	BA	BA	BA
b. Earth removal, other <sup>4</sup>	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA
c. Rock quarrying	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
d. Washing, sorting and/or crushing or processing of materials	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
e. Production of concrete	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
f. Production of bituminous concrete	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
3.4 Lumberyard	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
3.5 Manufacturing and Processing:													
a. Biotechnology <sup>1</sup>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
b. Light	N	N	N	N	N	N	PB	PB	PB	PB	P/SP	N	PB
c. Medium	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P/SP	N	N
d. Heavy	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
3.6 Printing, publishing:													
a. Under 5,000 square feet	N	N	N	N	N	N	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	N	P/SP
b. Over 5,000 square feet	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P/SP	P/SP	N	PB

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 USE REGULATION SCHEDULE  
 PART III (Continued)

Principal Uses	District													
	RRI P/SP	RRII RVII	SFRJII P/SP	SFRJIV P/SP	GRV P/SP	NC	RB	CI	CII	DC	B	I	LI	O
3.7 Public utility	N													
3.8 Electric power plant														
3.8 Research and development:														
a. Biotechnology <sup>1</sup>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	PB <sup>2</sup>	N	PB <sup>2</sup>
b. Others	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P/SP	N	P/SP
3.9 Solid waste facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	BA	N	N
3.10 Warehouse, distribution facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N <sup>7</sup>
3.11 Wholesale office, salesroom:														
a. With storage	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P/SP	N	P/SP	P/SP	N	N <sup>7</sup>
b. Without storage	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	P/SP	Y	N <sup>7</sup>	N <sup>7</sup>
3.12 Conference center	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	PB	N	PB	PB	P/SP	PB
3.13 Brewery, distillery, or winery production with tasting room	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	N
3.14 Ground-mounted Solar Energy System														
a. Small-scale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Medium-scale <sup>(8)</sup>	PB	PB	PB	PB	N <sup>7</sup>	N	N <sup>7</sup>	N	PB	N	PB	Y	N	N <sup>7</sup>
c. Large-scale <sup>(8)</sup>	PB	PB	PB	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	PB	Y	N	N

- NOTES:
- Subject to § 185-42.
  - Biotechnology uses are permitted in the portions of the Industrial District and Office District which are in the Biotechnology Uses Overlay District.
  - See § 185-23, specifically, § 185-23A, Exemptions.
  - See § 185-44, "Administration and enforcement" for general special permit filing information, and § 185-23, Earth removal regulations, for specific filing information.
  - Any commercial earth removal is not permitted within a Water Resource District.
  - See § 185-3 for "commercial earth removal" definition.
  - Only allowed as an accessory use to an otherwise permitted use as detailed in Use Regulations Schedule, Part VII, Accessory Uses.
  - Planning Board Site Plan Review is required of all Medium-scale and Large-scale Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems.**

185 Attachment 8  
USE REGULATION SCHEDULE  
PART VII

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Accessory Uses	District													
	RR I RV I	RR II RV II	SFR III	SFR IV	GRV	NC	RB	CI	CII	DC	B	I	LI	O
A1 Boarding	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
A2 Contractor's yard	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
a. Landscape materials storage and distribution	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y <sup>1</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
A3 Home occupation (See § 185-39B.)	N	N	N	N	N	Y <sup>3</sup>	Y <sup>3</sup>	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
A4 Manufacture, assembly, packing of goods sold on premises	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y <sup>1</sup>	N	Y	Y <sup>1</sup>	Y <sup>1</sup>	Y	Y	N	Y <sup>1</sup>
A5 Off-street parking (See § 185-39C.)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A6 Professional office, studio (See § 185-39A.)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A7 Restaurant, bar	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A8 Retail sale of nonagricultural products manufactured, warehoused or manufactured, warehoused or distributed on or from premises	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y <sup>2</sup>	N	Y <sup>2</sup>
A9 Scientific use in compliance with § 185-37	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	N	BA	BA	BA	Y	Y	Y	Y
A10 Signs (See § 185-20.)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A11 Single-family dwelling for personnel required for safe operation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
A12 Other customary accessory uses	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A13 Other retail sales, services	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N <sup>1</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A13.1 Animal grooming	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	N	Y	BA	Y	BA	BA	BA	BA
A14 Operation of not more than 5 automatic amusement devices	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
A15 Warehouse/distribution facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
A16 Wholesale office, salesroom														
a. With storage	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
b. Without storage	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y <sup>2</sup>	Y
A17 Catering	N	N	N	PB	PB	PB	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A18 Function hall	N	N	N	PB	PB	PB	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A19 Ground-mounted Solar Energy System <sup>5</sup>														
a. Small-scale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Medium-scale <sup>6</sup>	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	PB	N	PB	N	PB	Y	N	PB

NOTES:

1. But N if occupying more than 50% of the floor area occupied by the principal use and not more than five persons employed on the premises in the DC District and CI District and not more than 10 persons in the CII District and O District.
2. Provided that no more than 25% of the total floor space is used for display or retailing.
3. Such uses shall be restricted to seasonal operations only.
4. Accessory retail sales within a Country Store, as defined in §185-3, shall not exceed 50% of the establishment's floor area open to the public.
5. See §185-19, "Accessory buildings and structures".
6. Planning Board Site Plan Review is required of all Medium-scale Ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems.

The foregoing Zoning By-law amendment shall take effect in accordance with the Franklin Home Rule Charter and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 5.

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DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS \_\_\_\_\_

A True Record Attest:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa M. Burr  
Town Clerk

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

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Glenn Jones, Clerk

# Town of Franklin



## Planning Board

TOWN OF FRANKLIN  
TOWN CLERK

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The following notice will be published in the Milford Daily Newspaper on  
Monday, June 25, 2018 and Monday, July 2, 2018

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In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 9, 2018 at 7:10 PM and the Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on July 11, 2018 at 7:10 PM in the Town Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, to consider amending Chapter 185, Attachments 4 & 8, Zoning By-Law of the Code of the Town of Franklin as follows:

### **ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 18-812:**

**Changes to §185, Attachment 4, Part III and Attachment 8, Part VII, Use Regulation Schedule:** Chapter 185 of the Code of the Town of Franklin will be amended at Attachment 7, Part VI, Use Regulation Schedule. The Zoning Amendment would add the three different size ground-mounted solar energy systems (Small, Medium Large-scale) into the Use Regulation Schedules (§185 Attachments 4 and 8) of the Zoning Bylaw

The foregoing Zoning By-law amendment shall take effect in accordance with the Franklin Home Rule Charter and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 5.

The exact amendment may be reviewed in the Department of Planning and Community Development during normal business hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Wednesday - 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Friday - 8:00 AM to 1:00 P.M).

Please contact the Department of Planning & Community Development at 508-520-4907 if you require further information or if you need to make arrangements to provide translation services for the hearing impaired or for persons with language barriers.

Anthony Padula, Chairman  
Franklin Planning Board

Matt Kelly, Chairman  
Franklin Town Council