

## Model Solar Zoning Documents

As part of its [U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge](#) grant work, DOER hired Horsley Witten Group to develop recommended model solar zoning bylaws to assist cities and towns throughout Massachusetts in establishing reasonable standards to facilitate development of small-, medium- and large-scale ground-mounted and roof-mounted solar energy systems. Current model zoning exists only for large-scale ground mounted systems in designated locations. Small-, medium- and large-scale ground-mounted and roof-mounted solar energy systems, both photovoltaic and solar thermal, are increasing in popularity across the state and have proven to be viable sources of renewable energy. As the installation of these systems has become more widespread, local officials are asking how or whether these systems should be regulated. These new policy guidance and model zoning documents have been developed to assist cities and towns throughout Massachusetts in establishing reasonable standards to facilitate development of small-, medium- and large-scale ground-mounted and roof-mounted solar energy systems.

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