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Municipalities are sustaining this recession of our economy. Fire codes were written when solar panels were not an option for home owners. Unless there is a compelling scientific reasoning for fire concerns of a non-combustible solar panels it should be of marginally fire concerns. Using suspicious zoning codes Municipals have made it more costly to build with marginal if any benefit to the homeowner. As one raises solar panels from the roof they create more air lift, as it hugs the roof less lift. I read the Fire concerns to the code to realize there primary function is to stop solar installation making them too expensive for the client to reap any reward for their investment. The principal issue is not fire but maintenance and accessibility. These are safety not fire concerns. Consider the fact, how many roofs with solar panels mounted on roofs created or contributed to a roof fire. If the answer is zero then the Fire code needs to be modified to accept solar manufacturer's specification. Ultimately they are the ones on the hook for liability concerns not the city.

Sincerely submitted,  
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