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Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," to provide for a height allowance for certain solar collectors; all under terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 14. ZONING AND PLANNING

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CHAPTER 14-200. DEFINITIONS

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§ 14-203. Definitions.

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(*) *Roof-mounted solar collector system.*

A system that incorporates solar collectors, apparatuses that affix the system to a roof, and associated photovoltaic-related equipment.

(*) *Solar collector.*

A device used to convert solar radiation into electricity.

(*) *Solar collector support structure.*

A supplemental structure that hosts solar collectors with the purpose of sufficiently elevating the system above the surface of the roof to maintain the function of the area beneath the system.

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CHAPTER 14-600. USE REGULATIONS

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§ 14-604. Accessory Uses and Structures.

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(7) Solar Collectors.

(a) Roof-mounted solar *collector systems* [collectors and associated solar collector support structures] *are permitted accessory structures in all zoning districts.*

(b) *Solar collector support structures are permitted accessory structures in all zoning districts* are permitted accessory structures in all zoning districts, subject to the following standards:

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§ 14-701. Dimensional Standards.

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(6) Exceptions to Dimensional Standards.

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Table 14-701-6: Exceptions to Dimensional Standards

Exceptions to Height Limits	
Type of District	Permitted Encroachment
All Districts	* * *
	Solar <i>collector</i> [collectors and related] support structures may extend see § 14-604(7) (Solar Collectors).
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Exceptions to Yard, Setback, and Open Area Requirements	
Type of District	Permitted Encroachment
Residential Districts	* * *

	<i>Roof-mounted solar collector system.</i>
	Solar [energy collectors:] <i>collector support structure:</i> see § 14-604(
	* * *
Commercial, Industrial, and Special Purpose districts	* * *
	<i>Roof-mounted solar collector system.</i>
	Solar [energy collectors:] <i>collector support structure:</i> see § 14-604(
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