



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PROPOSED INTRO. NO. 341-A

COMMITTEE: Housing and Buildings

TITLE: To amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the New York city building code, in relation to allowing large solar rooftop installations.

SPONSORS: Council Member Dilan, Barron, Brewer, Cabrera, Chin, Comrie, Fidler, Garodnick, Gentile, Gonzalez, James, Koppell, Koslowitz, Lander, Mark-Viverito, Nelson, Palma, Rose, Vann, Williams, Rodriguez, Van Bramer and Halloran

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Solar thermal systems and photovoltaic systems collect the sun's radiation and convert it to energy. This legislation would allow solar thermal and solar electric (photovoltaic) collectors and/or panels and their supporting equipment to be excluded completely from height limitations or being considered an additional story. Existing Building Code provisions limit the percentage of the area of a roof that a rooftop installation may occupy without considering such use of the roof as an additional height or story subject to the Building Code and other applicable rules. The legislation would apply to existing buildings and new construction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The legislation would take effect immediately after enactment.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: 2011

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY11	FY Succeeding Effective FY12	Full Fiscal Impact FY11
Revenues (+)	See below	See below	See below
Expenditures (-)	See below	See below	See below
Net	See below	See below	See below

IMPACT ON REVENUES: Solar thermal systems and photovoltaic systems convert the sun's radiation into energy, resulting in lower building electricity costs. At the time of this writing, however, the potential future energy savings are not unknown.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be no impact on expenditures by the enactment of this legislation. Any increased cost for City buildings as a result of this legislation will be absorbed into the overall cost of building construction and renovation.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: Not applicable

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division

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DATE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL: Introduced by City Council and referred to Housing and Buildings Committee as Int. No. 341 on September 29, 2010. Laid over and hearing held by Committee on October 20, 2010 as Int. No. 341. An amendment has been proposed, and this legislation will be voted by Committee on April 6, 2011 as Proposed Int. No. 341-A.