

Re: The Vinyard Residence

Project Address: 9325 Sw Tustenuggee Ave Lake City , FL 32024

To whom it may concern:

I have reviewed the following information regarding photovoltaic module installation on the roof of the above referenced home:

Design drawings of the proposed PV system layout, including details to mount the new solar panels to the existing roof prepared for Better Earth.

Based on the above information, I have evaluated the structural capacity of the existing roof system to support the additional loads imposed by the solar panels and have the following comments related to my review and evaluation:

A. Description of Residence:

The existing residence is typical wood framing construction. All wood material utilized for the roof system is assumed to be SP #2 or better with standard construction components and consists of the following:

- Roofing: Metal Paneling
- Roof framing : 2x2 Trusses at 24 in. on center.

B. Loading Criteria - FBC 2023, ASCE 7-22, IRC SECTION R324

Dead Load:

- 2.0 PSF Metal Paneling roofing
- 1.5 PSF 1/2" Plywood
- 1.5 PSF 1x2 Trusses
- 3.0 PSF Proposed Solar Panels/Mounting Hardware

8.0 PSF = Roof Dead Load

20.0 PSF = Roof Live Load

156 mph Design Wind Speed (3-second gust) Risk Category II

0 PSF = Snow Load (Based on local requirements)

C. Framing

Per the FBC 2023 , 1x2 SP #2 lumber at 24 in. on center with 10 psf dead load shall not exceed 7'-9" in unsupported span length.

D. Solar Panel Racking and Anchorage

- 1 The solar panels shall be mounted in accordance with the most recent "Unirac Flush Mount Installation Manual", which can be found on the Unirac Solar website (www.unirac.com).
- 2 Per the U-Builder Project Report, dated 01-20-21 and sealed by Paul K. Zacher, the maximum anchor spacing for 160 mph wind speed, 0 psf ground snow load, exposure C, and roof pitch of 7-27° is 64 in. O.C. which can be found on the Unirac Solar website (www.unirac.com).
- 3 Maximum allowable pullout per ICC ESR-1976 for a 1/4-14 HWH TEK self tapping screw is 273 lbs. Please see anchorage calculations on the following page. Maximum anchor spacing of 4 ft. is adequate.
- 4 Racking supports shall be staggered to the roof framing for best lifetime performance of the system.

E. Summary

Based on the information herein and attached to this letter, it is my professional opinion that the proposed installation of the roof mounted photovoltaic modules at the project referenced is structurally adequate and meets or exceeds current industry practices and standards.

F. Limitations

Installations of solar modules and related equipment must be performed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations, local codes, local regulations, industry best practices, and applicable safety standards. Owner and/or Contractor must notify Engineer should any damage, deterioration, or discrepancies between current condition of the structure or otherwise as this letter describes before proceeding with construction. This letter applies only to regions of the structure where solar modules will be supported and the supporting elements.

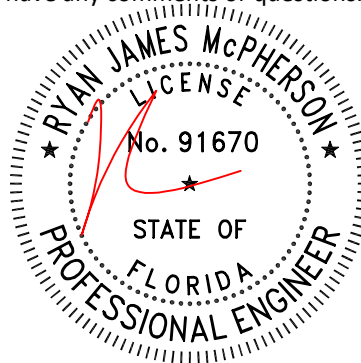
Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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This item has been digitally signed
and sealed by Ryan McPherson,
PE, on Aug 16, 2024



Wind Uplift Anchorage

Rooftop Solar Panels Wind Pressures (ASCE 7 - Section 29.4)

$V_{ult} = 156.0$ mph	$K_{zt} = 1.00$ (sec 26.8.2)	$h = 15$ ft
Exposure Category = C	$K_z = 0.85$ (sec 26.10.1)	
Roof Zone = 2	$K_d = 0.85$ (sec 26.6)	
Panel $\theta = 7-27$ deg	$K_e = 1.00$ (sec 26.9)	
$q_h = 0.00256 K_z K_{zt} K_d K_e V$	$q_h = 45.01$ (eq. 26.10-1)	
$GP_p = -2$ uplift		

Flush Mounted Panels - ASCE Section 29.4.4 (where applicable)

$\gamma_E = 1.5$ FIG 29.4-7)
$\gamma_a = 0.76$ (fig 29.4-8)
$GP_p = -2$ uplift

Flat Roof Panels - ASCE Section 29.4.3 (where applicable)

$\gamma_c = 0.97$ (fig 29.4-7)	$h_{pt} = 0$
$\gamma_p = 0.9$ (fig 29.4-7)	$\omega = 0.00$ deg (panel tilt)
$GC_{rm} = 1.4$ uplift	

$$p = q_h (GP_p) \gamma_E \gamma_a \quad (\text{eq 29.4-7}) \quad p = q_h (GC_{rm}) \gamma_E \gamma_c \gamma_p \quad (\text{eq 29.4-6})$$

$$p = -103.1 \text{ p.s.f.} \quad p = 82.5 \text{ p.s.f.}$$

Check Anchorage to Existing Structure

0.6DL - 0.6W controlling load combination (eq. 16-15 for ASD)

DL = 2.8 p.s.f.	dead load of panel (including rack system)
W = 103.1 p.s.f.	wind load normal to face of panel
Area _{lag} = 12.3 sq. ft.	area tributary to each anchor
SP _{anc} = 4.0 ft.	spacing of anchors

$$P_{uplift} = \text{Area}_{lag} (0.6DL - 0.6W) = 742.3 \text{ lbs} \quad \text{total uplift on anchor}$$

Material = 0.075 in. thk. stl	anchor material
Dia _{lag} = 1/4-14 in.	diameter of screw

$$\phi_{lag} = 273 \text{ lb.} \quad \text{withdrawal load per ICC ESR3223}$$

$$No_{screws} = 3 \quad \text{number of screws in withdrawal}$$

$$P_{allow} = W_{lag} * No_{screws} = 819 \text{ lbs} \quad \text{total allowable withdrawal on anchor}$$

$$\frac{P_{uplift}}{P_{allow}} = 0.91 < 1.00 \quad \text{Anchor is OK!}$$

Anchorage = USE (1) S-5! VERSA BRACKET W/ (3) 1/4"-14 'HWH' SELF TAPPING TEK SCREWS

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$$f := \min\left[\frac{1}{T_{\min}}, \frac{1}{T_{\max}}\right] \quad f = 2 \cdot \text{Hz}$$

Structure = "Is a rigid structure in accordance with ASCE 7-16 Section 26.2"

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$$\text{Exp} := C \quad R_c := 1$$

$$V_{\text{ult}} := 156 \text{ mph} \quad K_d := 0.85$$

$$G_w = 0.85 \quad K_z = 0.85$$

$$C_f := 1.7 \quad K_{zt} := 1.0$$

$$h_{\text{max}} := 6 \text{ ft} \quad \omega := 1.3$$

$$q_h := 0.00256 \cdot K_z \cdot K_{zt} \cdot K_d \cdot V_{\text{ult}}^2 \quad q_h = 45 \cdot \text{psf}$$

$$p := \max(q_h \cdot G_w \cdot C_f, 16 \text{ psf}) \quad p = 65 \cdot \text{psf}$$

$$A_s := 9.28 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$P_w := p \cdot A_s \quad P_w = 603.6 \text{ lb}$$

$$M := P_w \cdot h_{\text{max}} \quad M = 3622 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$

PROPERTIES:

$$h_{\max} := 6\text{ft}$$

$$W_{\text{pwrwl}} := 400\text{lb}$$

SEISMIC LOADS: ASCE 7-16

Seismic Ground Motion Values

$$\text{Site_Class} := \text{D Site Class (Section 11.4.2)}$$

$$S_s := 0.081 \quad \text{Short-period Spectral Response Acceleration}$$

$$S_1 := 0.049 \quad \text{1-Sec Period Spectral Response Acceleration}$$

$$F_a := 1.2 \quad \text{TABLE 11.4-1}$$

$$F_v := 1.7$$

TABLE 11.4-2

$$S_{DS} := \frac{2}{3} \cdot F_a \cdot S_s \quad S_{DS} = 0.086 \quad \text{Short Period Design Spectral Acceleration Parameter (Eq. 11.4-3)}$$

$$a_p := 1$$

$$S_{D1} := \frac{2}{3} \cdot F_v \cdot S_1 \quad S_{D1} = 0.078 \quad \text{1-Sec Period Design Spectral Acceleration Parameter (Eq. 11.4-4)}$$

$$\frac{m \cdot m}{8}$$

$$R_p := 2.5$$

$$\Omega_0 := 1.5$$

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$$z := 4 = 4$$

$$h := 6 = 6$$

$$W_p := W_{\text{pwrwl}} = 400 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_p := \frac{0.4 \cdot a_p \cdot S_{DS} \cdot W_p}{\frac{R_p}{I_p}} \cdot \left[1 + 2 \frac{z}{h} \right]$$

$$F_{p_{\max}} := 1.6 \cdot S_{DS} \cdot I_p \cdot W_{\text{pwrwl}} = 55.3 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{p_{\min}} := 0.3 \cdot S_{DS} \cdot I_p \cdot W_{\text{pwrwl}} = 10.4 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_p = 12.9 \text{ lb}$$

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Pole Footing Embedded in Soil

Project File: wall stud check_backup_1 - Copy.ec6

LIC# : KW-06013840, Build:20.23.11.13

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DESCRIPTION: Pole footing

Code References

Calculations per IBC 2021 1807.3, ASCE 7-16
Load Combinations Used : IBC 2021

General Information

Pole Footing Shape Circular
Pole Footing Diameter 18.0 in
Calculate Min. Depth for Allowable Pressures
No Lateral Restraint at Ground Surface
Allow Passive 150.0 pcf
Max Passive 1,500.0 psf

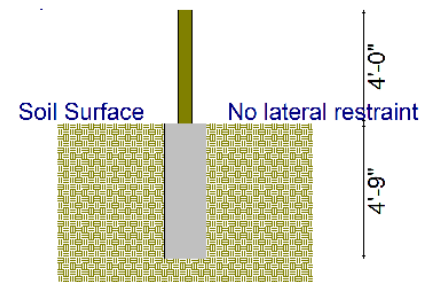
Controlling Values

Governing Load Combination **D+0.60W**
Lateral Load 0.3624 k
Moment 1.450 k-ft
NO Ground Surface Restraint
Pressures at 1/3 Depth
Actual **233.001** psf
Allowable **234.230** psf

Minimum Required Depth 4.750 ft

Footing Base Area 1.767 ft²
Maximum Soil Pressure 0.2264 ksf

Point Load



Applied Loads

Lateral Concentrated Load (k)		Lateral Distributed Loads (k)		Vertical Load (k)
D : Dead Load	k		k/ft	0.40 k
Lr : Roof Live	k		k/ft	k
L : Live	k		k/ft	k
S : Snow	k		k/ft	k
W : Wind	0.6040 k		k/ft	k
E : Earthquake	k		k/ft	k
H : Lateral Earth	k		k/ft	k
Load distance above ground surface	4.0 ft	TOP of Load above ground surface	ft	
		BOTTOM of Load above ground surface	ft	

Load Combination Results

Load Combination	Forces @ Ground Surface		Required Depth - (ft)	Pressure at 1/3 Depth		Soil Increase Factor
	Loads - (k)	Moments - (ft-k)		Actual - (psf)	Allow - (psf)	
D Only	0.000	0.000	0.13	0.0	0.0	1.000
+D+0.60W	0.362	1.450	4.75	233.0	234.2	1.000
+D+0.450W	0.272	1.087	4.25	207.9	208.6	1.000
+0.60D+0.60W	0.362	1.450	4.75	233.0	234.2	1.000
+0.60D	0.000	0.000	0.13	0.0	0.0	1.000