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City Offers Reduced Solar Fee for Select Permits Through Sacramento Streamline Program

New review process will save over 60 percent on permit costs for small-scale solar projects

Sacramento, Calif. – Beginning August 15, customers needing to pull permits for certain solar projects in the City of Sacramento can take advantage of a reduced fee – over 60 percent in average total savings. The change in fee calculations for specific solar projects is part of *Sacramento Streamline*, a program aimed to simplify the building and permit process and help customers save time and money on their projects. Depending on the size of the solar project, customers may qualify for a flat permit rate of \$280, down from the previous average of \$724.



“We have heard loud and clear from various stakeholders the need to encourage market changes in the implementation of solar-related projects,” said Max Fernandez, community development director. “This fee change is the first of many steps to show our customers that we are committed to making solar and renewable energy projects a priority, and is in line with the goals and objectives to make our city green as possible.”

This new fee calculation is based on a flat fee review versus the value of construction. The new fee applies to small-scale solar projects including solar water heating systems 50 gallons or less, and PV systems 4 kilowatts or less. Larger-scaled solar projects will continue to have fees based on valuation of the equipment and labor costs. Though, future efforts to adjust fees for larger solar projects to a flat fee service are underway. In addition to the reduced fee, turnaround times also will improve. The typical turnaround time is currently one to two days and will be reviewed either over-the-counter or within one day.

For more information about Sacramento Streamline and the upcoming improvements, visit:

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