

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-062

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

July 31, 2007

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2007-2009 ALL FEES RELATED TO INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS ON EXISTING RESIDENCES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS

The purpose of this ordinance is to suspend for the 2007-2009 calendar years all City imposed fees related to the installation of new or replacement residential photovoltaic systems, excepting such installations associated with the construction of new residences and installations that coincide with other work for which a permit would be required under this Code. It is not the intent of this ordinance to waive or suspend any requirement of the Code other than payment of the specified fees.

The suspension of fees under this ordinance is intended to encourage the proliferation of photovoltaic systems on existing residential structures. The City finds that the economics of system installation on existing residential structures are different than during new construction, and that suspension of the specified fees for existing residential structures will help mitigate the high costs that accompany installation of photovoltaic systems on residential structures not originally designed for such systems.

The City further finds that Sacramento's climate is especially conducive to solar power, and that greater use of photovoltaic systems as an alternative energy supply can help reduce the City's "carbon footprint." Installation of photovoltaic systems also supports the City's sustainability policy.

SECTION 2. SUSPENSION OF FEES

Notwithstanding Title 15 of this Code, there shall be no building permit fee, plan check fee, inspection fee or reinspection fee for work related solely to the installation of new photovoltaic systems on residential structures, including the complete or partial removal and replacement of an existing photovoltaic system with a new photovoltaic system. Provided, however, that this section shall apply only to residential structures existing prior to the effective date of this ordinance. This section shall not apply if the installation or replacement of the photovoltaic system coincides with any other work for which a permit is required under Title 15 of this Code.

SECTION 3. SUNSET

This ordinance shall remain in effect until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted ordinance, that takes effect before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on July 31, 2007 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Cohn, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmembers Fong and Waters.



Heather Fargo, Mayor

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

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