

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-595

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

October 25, 2011

APPROVING FEE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SOLAR PROJECTS

BACKGROUND:

- A. On June 14, 2011, the City Council adopted the Streamlined Permit for Residential Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and Solar Water Heating Systems (SWHS) Permit Fee (Resolution No. 2011-357).
- B. The proposed method of assessing and collecting fees based on an hourly rate of \$140 times the number of hours shown in Exhibit A is as simple as possible and is sensitive to the market for similar services.
- C. The proposed fees are based on cost recovery and do not exceed the overall cost of providing the facility, infrastructure or service for which the fee is imposed.
- D. The proposed fees and fee adjustments will allow staff to recover 100% of estimated costs for a streamlined permit process while still providing significantly reduced permit fees for solar projects.
- E. Reducing the cost of solar projects will contribute to the growth of the solar industry in Sacramento and create jobs, while also helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the expansion of renewable energy and distributed generation technology.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The proposed fee adjustments as set forth in Exhibit A are hereby approved.
- Section 2. Exhibit A is part of this resolution.

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Exhibit A - Solar Permit Fee Adjustments

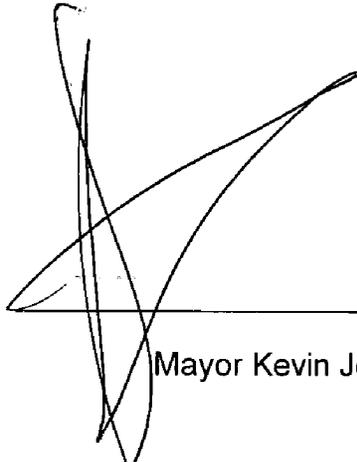
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on October 25, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, R Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Schenirer, Sheedy, and Mayor Johnson.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



Mayor Kevin Johnson

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

Solar Fee Adjustments

Base Fee Schedule for Solar PV and SWHS Permits¹

Technology	Application Type, Size	How Fee is Determined	Permit Fee
SWHS	Residential, up to 120 gallons tanks (ground-mounted tanks on slab only)	1 hour Plan Review + 1 hour Inspection =	\$280
PV	Residential, up to 10 kW	1 hour Plan Review + 1 hour Inspection =	\$280
PV	Residential, 10.1 kW - above	1.5 hour Plan Review + 1 hour Inspection + 0.5 hour Planning fee + 1 hour Technician fee =	\$560
PV	Commercial, up to 10 kW	2 hours Plan Review + 2 hours Inspection + 0.5 hour Planning fee + 1 hour Technician fee =	\$770
PV	Commercial, 10.1 to 25 kW	5 hours Plan Review + 3 hours Inspection + 0.5 hour Planning fee + 1 hour Technician fee =	\$1,330
PV	Commercial, 25.1 kW – 50 kW	6 hours Plan Review + 3 hours Inspection + 0.5 hour Planning fee + 1 hour Technician fee =	\$1,470
PV	Commercial, 50.1 kW -150 kW	10 hours Plan Review + 6 hours Inspection + 0.5 hour Planning fee + 1 hour Technician fee =	\$2,450
PV	Commercial, 150.1 kW -500 kW	12 hours Plan Review + 12 hours Inspection + 0.5 hour Planning fee + 1 hour Technician fee =	\$3,570
PV	Commercial , 500.1 kW – 3 MW	29 hours Plan Review + 22 hours Inspection + 0.5 hour Planning fee + 1 hour Technician fee =	\$7,350

¹ Fee shown is the base rate only (\$140 hourly rate x number of hours shown) and does not include estimates of valuation-based other fees, which will vary from project to project. Additional fees may apply if pre-determined hours of review and number of inspection are exceeded.