

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ADVISORY



SOLAR PANELS

Question

Do I need a building permit to install solar panels?

Answer

Yes, a building permit is required whenever solar panels are installed.

Background

Solar panels add dead weight to the structure and alter the loading pattern from continuous loads to point loads at the connection points.

Question

What do I need to bring in to apply for my permit to have solar panels installed?

Answer

Information required for a building permit includes:

- the application form signed by both the applicant and the legal land owner
- layout of the proposed panels, including number and location
- engineer stamped drawings analyzing the existing structure with confirmation it can support the new dead load, snow drift load, wind pressure, and all other loads. If any alterations are required in order to support, engineer sealed details will also be required.
- the manufacturer's specifications for the solar panels being installed and
- all connection details.

WHAT IS A SOLAR PANEL?

- A PANEL DESIGNED TO ABSORB THE SUN'S RAYS AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR GENERATING ELECTRICITY OR HEATING

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