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BUILDING INDUSTRY BULLETIN

Date: March 29, 2023

TO: Architects, Engineers, Contractors, Developers, Associations, and Photovoltaic Installers.

SUBJECT: Residential Roof-Top Photovoltaic Real-Time Permits and Fee Increase.

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Effective September 1, 2023.

Senate Bill No. 379, chapter 356. An act to add Section 65850.52 to the Government Code relating to land use. [Approved by Governor September 16, 2022. Filed with Secretary of State September 16, 2022.]

This bill would require the City of Clovis to implement an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits in real-time for a residential roof-top mounted photovoltaic systems, as defined, that is no larger than 38.4 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating and a residential energy storage system, as defined, paired with a residential solar energy system that is no larger than 38.4 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating.
(See Table below)

The automated system will be accessible in the current Citizen Self-Service Portal at https://css.cityofclovis.com/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService#/home.

Currently, the fees are based on numerical counts of fixtures and components of a residential solar system. The new table S-1 simplifies the calculation based on system size only.

The current hourly rate is \$95.00, and the new fee would increase the photovoltaic system fees to about \$124.00 for the hourly rate for the first tier of 15 kW or less. This is an increase of about 30% on average. The last fee increase for photovoltaic systems was approved in 2011 when the hourly rate of \$95.00 was adopted.

Table S-1 is for all new roof-top residential photovoltaic systems.

Table S-1

Qty.	Electrical Number	Table S-1 Description	Fixed Rate
	3000	Permit Issuance (per permit)	38.00
	3005	Information Maintenance Service (IMS) (per permit)	20.00
	3020	Solar Permit Issuance (one per permit)	
		15 kW or Less	392.00
		Over 15 kW to a maximum of 16 kW	442.00
		Over 16 kW to a maximum of 17 kW	457.00
		Over 17 kW to a maximum of 18 kW	472.00
		Over 18 kW to a maximum of 19 kW	487.00
		Over 19 kW to a maximum of 20 kW	502.00
		Over 20 kW to a maximum of 21 kW	517.00
		Over 21 kW to a maximum of 22 kW	532.00
		Over 22 kW to a maximum of 23 kW	547.00
		Over 23 kW to a maximum of 24 kW	562.00
		Over 24 kW to a maximum of 25 kW	577.00
		Over 25 kW to a maximum of 26 kW	592.00
		Over 26 kW to a maximum of 27 kW	607.00
		Over 27 kW to a maximum of 28 kW	622.00
		Over 28 kW to a maximum of 29 kW	637.00
		Over 29 kW to a maximum of 30 kW	652.00
		Over 30 kW to a maximum of 31 kW	667.00
		Over 31 kW to a maximum of 32 kW	682.00
		Over 32 kW to a maximum of 33 kW	697.00
		Over 33 kW to a maximum of 34 kW	712.00
		Over 34 kW to a maximum of 35 kW	727.00
		Over 35 kW to a maximum of 36 kW	742.00
		Over 36 kW to a maximum of 37 kW	757.00
		Over 37 kW to a maximum of 38 kW	772.00
		Over 38 kW to a maximum of 38.4 kW	787.00

The total permit fee is the sum of 3000, 3005, and 3020