



# SOLAR PERMIT FEES

Solar permit fees are determined by the size of the installation. The contract valuation is often widely variable between contractors for systems of the same size and complexity. The contract valuation does not determine the fee.

State statutes have determined the maximum fee that may be charged for a PV or hydronic system. Permit fees are based upon the size of the collectors for both Photo Voltaic and Hydronic systems. This base fee is for the complete solar system itself.

There may be added fees for subsystems that are altered or added to accommodate the installation of the solar system. As an example the upgrade of the electrical service is not a part of the solar system as defined in the CA Civil Code 801.5 and will have a fee based on the standard base fee in our adopted fee schedule.

## Residential fees:

- PV \$450 to 15kW, plus \$15 per kW above 15 kW.
- Thermal \$450 to 10kWth plus \$15 per kWth above 10kWth

## Commercial Fees:

- PV \$1,000 to 50kW, plus \$7 up to 250kW, plus \$5 per kW over 250k
- Thermal \$1,000 to 30kWth, plus \$7 per kWth to 260kWth, plus \$5 per kWth over 260kWth.

The City does not forward solar permits to the assessor. The installation of a solar system does not affect the assessed value of the home.

The 2019 Energy Code will require the installation of a PV system on all new homes. The fees for those systems will be determined in the same manner.