



CITY OF SAN DIEGO – 1222 FIRST AVE., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

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Subject: Streamlined Process for Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Permits

The City of San Diego has streamlined the process for the online permitting of residential roof-mounted PV (Photovoltaic) projects. Residential roof-mounted PV projects designed per the template and building integrated photovoltaic shingles for single-family, duplex or townhouse roofs can now be processed for permitting with no plan review or professional certification, if the following limits/allowance are met:

1. Not more than 14 kW maximum output.
2. Located on a sloped roof where the roof height exceeds the height of the PV panels.
3. Structural review not required (see [IB-301](#), Section II, C, 1).
4. No work necessitating a combination building permit such as structural modifications to the roof structure, adding a new structure, etc.
5. Scope can include the following scope of work, in addition to PV installation:
 - a. Panel upgrade up to 320 amps.
 - b. Energy storage system where each unit has a maximum rating of 20 kWh and the total amount of energy storage systems not more than 40 kWh.
 - c. Inverter-integrated electric vehicle charger.

PV projects meeting this criteria can be submitted electronically at [Residential Rooftop-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic \(PV\) Permit](#).

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This update is among the latest enhancements to help reduce permitting processing times and provide enhanced service to customers. It is an integral part of #DigitalDSD, an initiative to modernize all DSD workplace systems, cost-effectively leverage technology to increase productivity and improve service delivery.

Other #DigitalDSD services include all new permits being processed online, a variety of other [virtual services](#), including an [online portal](#) to assist qualified local businesses with permits and launching [Spaces as Places](#), allowing for permanent outdoor dining and other community gathering spaces within areas of the public right of way.

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