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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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