

Proposed Changes Specific to Solar Panel Installations

In an effort for ease of reader review, the changes regarding solar panel installations are listed in this document separately.

Section 1. Proposed Changes to the Rules of Procedure

12.1. Normal Maintenance (no COA required)

For All Properties:

- Installation of solar panels not facing the street, so long as not attached to a character-defining roofing material (e.g., slate, terra cotta, traditional standing seam metal) and so long as panels are matte black in color or to otherwise match the roof color and project no more than four inches above the finished roof surface, and all associated equipment is located to the rear and side of the structure

For Noncontributing Properties:

- Installation of skylights and solar panels when visible from public rights-of-way, select solar panels to be matte black in color or to otherwise match the roof color and to project no more than four inches above the finished roof surface, and locate all associated equipment to the rear and side of the structure

Section 2. Proposed Changes to the Historic Properties Local Review Criteria

Residential Contributing

Select and locate rooftop appurtenances (such as skylights) to minimize their visibility from the street. It is not appropriate to install solar panels on character-defining roofing materials (e.g., slate, terra cotta, traditional standing seam metal). When installed facing the street select solar panels to be matte black in color or otherwise match roof color, and be mounted flush to roof surfaces, projecting no more than four inches from the surface. For solar panels which are not matte black or matching the roof color, or which project more than 4 inches from the roof surface, the applicant shall demonstrate that the installation is the minimum deviation from the standard necessary to achieve reasonable solar gains. Locate all associated solar panel equipment to the rear or side of the structure.

Residential Non-Contributing

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Downtown Contributing

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wall, screening, or sightline. For solar panels visible from the street which are not matte black or matching the roof color, or which project more than 4 inches from the roof surface, the applicant shall demonstrate that the installation is the minimum deviation from the standard necessary to achieve reasonable solar gains. Locate all associated solar panel equipment to the rear or side of the structure.

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Landmarks

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