



CITY OF MISSION VIEJO BUILDING AND SAFETY

ENERGY EFFICIENT MEASURES FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

The City Council approved a program to waive permit fees for home and business construction improvements utilizing Energy Efficient Measures.

The fee waiver program will only apply to building permits for *solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, tankless domestic water heater, windows and/or doors containing glass, and high efficiency HVAC systems (Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning)*. A permit fee waiver will only occur if the proposed improvements comply with defined thresholds established by the City. A fee waiver, expedited plan review, and same-day inspection are incentive for a homeowner or business to consider construction of a higher energy efficient system.

Customers with “After the fact permits” CANNOT participate in this program. They are eligible to get investigation fees waived but they will not be eligible for a 100% permit fee waiver.

GUIDELINES:

Solar Photovoltaic:

- Shall install 0.5 watts/square foot of the total square footage of the home

Solar Thermal:

- Shall meet 50% of the domestic hot water needs (i.e. number of bathrooms and total square footage of home)

Tankless Domestic Water Heater:

- Shall eliminate the traditional hot water heater and install appropriately sized natural gas tankless water heater for the entire house.

Windows and Doors Containing Glass:

- Shall replace 90% of total windows and glass door area within the livable area of the home with ultra low-e and low solar heat gain coefficient. The glass must meet the following NFRC performance specification U value = 0.30 and SDGc = 0.20 or lower

High Efficiency HVAC and HVAC Controls:

- Shall replace existing A/C, Furnace and FAU unit with high efficiency units with a minimum SEER value of 18 for a condensing unit and a minimum of 95% efficiency rating for a furnace. Furthermore, the homeowner must install a thermostat controller that is Energy Complaint.

Vehicle Charging Stations:

- Residential Charging Stations