



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 systems, tankless domestic water heater, windows and/or doors containing glass, and high efficiency HVAC systems (Heating, Venting, and A/C)*. 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 a higher energy efficient system.

Customers with “After the fact permits” CANNOT participate in this program. They are eligible to get the double fee waived but they will not be eligible for 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 SHGC = 0.20 or lower.

High Efficiency HVAC and HVAC Controls:

- Shall replace existing A/C, Furnace or 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 Compliant.

Vehicle Charging Stations:

- Residential charging stations.