



BUILDING DEPARTMENT POLICY / INTERPRETATION

TO: Whom it may concern
FROM: George Reid, Chief Building Official
DATE: June 13, 2017
SUBJECT: Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Valuation and Fee Policy

The Vineyard Building Department has had concerns with creating consistent and fair permit fees for photovoltaic (PV) solar permits. In order to create a fair permit fee that is not cost prohibitive to the property owner and pays for the services rendered, from the Building Department, a uniform valuation must be established.

Effective July 1, 2017 the valuation for solar permits will be assessed at \$3.00 per watt of the system proposed. The valuation of the system will be used in the adopted fee schedule for permitting. Below is an example of a PV solar permit fee (Based on the 6/8/2017 fee schedule):

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| System Wattage | 5,600 |
| Valuation | \$3.00/watt |
| Total Valuation | \$16,800 |
| Building Permit Fee (based off adopted fee schedule) | \$223.00 |
| Permit Review Fee (25% of Building Permit Fee) | \$55.75 |
| State Fee (1% of Building Permit Fee) | \$2.23 |
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| Total Permit Fee: | \$280.98 |

This change should create a reasonable pricing that will still allow property owners to install PV solar systems for an affordable price.

Contact the Building Department at (801) 226-1929 for more information regarding this process.

Chief Building Official

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