Building and Inspection Services Information Bulletin

Photo Voltaic (PV) & Non-PV Solar Panels (Solar Panels) Policy:

Solar Panels meeting all of the following conditions do not require a building permit.

- The installation is on the roof a BCBC Part 9 building,
- The systems does not exert a distributed load greater than 24.4 kg/m^2 (5lbs/ft^2) on the roof,
- Attachment point loads do not exceed 22.7 kg (50lbs),
- The solar panels and mounting hardware are installed according to manufacturer's instructions, and
- Panels and related hardware do not project more than 400mm (16") above the surface of the roof.

**Solar Panel installations that do not meeting all the above conditions require a Building Permit.

- Building Permit Application Checklists

Additional Solar Panel requirements:

- **All** Photo Voltaic (PV) Solar Panel installations require an electrical permit.
- **All** Non-PV Solar Panel installations connected or integrated with a potable water system require a plumbing permit.