

Solar Photovoltaic Panels/Modules Permit Requirements For Commercial Buildings including Multi-Family Residential

Greenville County

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Solar Voltaic Systems: The total components and subsystems that, in combination, convert solar energy into electric energy suitable for connection to a utilization load.

All systems shall be constructed in accordance with the following referenced ICC Codes and Sections: 2012 IBC 3111 & IFC 605.11 & IMC section and 304.11, 1401 -1404, and 2011 NEC Article 690

1. Complete the [Commercial Building](#), [Zoning](#) and [Electrical](#) Applications.
2. Tax Map No. can be obtained from the owner of the property, the landlord, or through Real Property Services 864-467-7300 or internet;
www.greenvillecounty.org/vrealpr24/clrealprop.asp.
3. Provide a Site Plan if free standing panels are used, a site plan is not required for panels within the building footprint (on roof of existing building).
4. Provide a structural analysis of existing building sealed and signed by a SC licensed engineer that demonstrates that the existing structure is capable of supporting the new proposed loads. A sealed and signed structural plan is required if structural work is required or proposed.
5. Provide a full architectural plan including but not limited to the following items:
 - A dimensioned plan view of the proposed panel array.
 - Example of the label for all equipment, devices, and conduits In accordance with IFC 605.11.1, and NEC Article 690.5.
 - Location of DC/AC inverter, and down line electrical panel box.
6. Provide an electrical plan including single line drawing and inverter location. Electrical drawing shall be in accordance with 2011 NEC Article 690.

Required Permits:

Building: (this is a basic \$30 permit) If structural work is proposed the permit shall be based on cost.

Electrical: Based on the Amps. The system is designed

The Unit will be inspected to verify setbacks, tie-downs, electrical compliance, and any other applicable code issue.

To be completed by Zoning Department:	
Zoning Classification: _____	TM# _____
Setbacks: Front: _____	Rear: _____
Left Side: _____	Right Side: _____

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Field Inspection Checklist for Array:

- Module model # matches plans and spec sheets, module quantity matches plans and spec sheets
- Wire Management: Array conductors are neatly and professionally held in place
- PV array is properly grounded
- Check that electrical boxes are accessible and connections suitable for environment
- Array Fastened and Sealed According To Attachment Detail
- Check conductors ratings and sizes

Specifics For Ground-Mounted Arrays

- Foundation review
- Mounting structure review
- Electrical bonding of structural elements
- Additional array electrode
- Attachment method according to plans
- Wiring not readily accessible

Appropriate Signs Installed

- Check proper sign construction:
- Check for sign identifying PV power source system attributes at dc disconnect
- Check for sign identifying ac point of connection [690.54].
- Check for sign identifying switch for alternative power system

Check that equipment ratings are consistent with application and signs

- Check that inverter has a rating as high as max voltage on PV Power Source sign.
- Check that dc-side Over Current Protection Devices (OCPDs) are dc rated at least as high as max voltage on sign.
- Check that switches and OCPDs are installed according to manufacturers specifications (i.e. many 600Vdc switches require passing through the switch poles twice in a specific way).
- Check that inverter is rated for the site ac voltage supplied and shown on the ac point of connection sign.
- Check that OCPD connected to the ac output of the inverter is rated at least 125% of maximum current on sign, and is no larger than the maximum OCPD on the inverter listing label.
- Check that the sum of the main OCPD and the inverter OCPD is rated for not more than 120% of the busbar rating.