### Gaps in current code language

Sections of the code, evenSolar systems and other ordinance in the solar ordinance, have been redefined in the solar ordinance. The definitions for solar energy systems or solar energy systems are neither allowed nor disallowed as accessory uses. The use by-night and ground mount are neither allowed nor disallowed as accessory uses.

**Definitions**

- **Solar systems:** Solar collectors or solar energy systems that generate electricity using the sun's energy.
- **Solar energy systems:** Systems that convert solar energy into usable forms of energy, such as electricity.

**Best Practice**

Many communities encourage solar and other renewable energy systems. The sections that legislate on the merits and benefits of solar energy systems are explicitly encouraged in the existing language. Other ordinance language may be desirable. Below are some examples from other codes.

**Use by-night**

- Allow small footprint and ground mount installations in all zoning districts. No special review required for solar installations under 2.5 kW (or slightly larger for large systems). The exception is for direct sunlight to the neighbor's property.
- Allow secondary or accessory use installations. Scale of primary use installations and heating, electricity, and water devices used for space heating & space cooling & space water heating.
- Include in the definition of solar energy a solar energy system's purpose of the solar ordinance. The definition of solar energy systems would be worth adding to the use tables for each district in the existing ordinance.

**Ordinance Framework**

- See p. 7–8 of DVRPC Solar ordinance Framework.

**Reviewer Comments**

As there are no references to solar in the current code, the development of a solar ordinance may be advisable. Below are some recommendations for the development of solar ordinances:

1. **Zoning Requirements:** Review existing zoning requirements and remove restrictions that inherently or unintentionally prohibit PV development.
2. **Prohibition:** Develop complete findings in a manner and commit to reducing barriers to PV development.
3. **Solar Ordinance Framework:** Conduct an initial review of your community's existing solar ordinance and identify any necessary revisions.
4. **Community Review:** Conduct a review of your community's existing solar ordinance and identify any necessary revisions.
5. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Engage with stakeholders and officials to address any concerns or issues.
6. **Decision Making:** Make decisions based on the feedback received.
7. **Implementation:** Implement the revised ordinance.

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| **PV at Apartments** (San Francisco Solar PV) | **Electricity**
---|---
**FHA guidance** | There are no provisions regulating glare from solar PV, but reasonable measures to address glare from photographic equipment are required.  
No restrictions on rooftop setbacks found.

| **LA vs. Fire Safety** | **Plan Review**
---|---
**Ground Floor Home and Fire Safety** | Single-family detached homes, multi-family residential buildings, and some townhouse units are subject to the International Fire Code.

| **Energy Efficiency** | **Residential**
---|---
**Energy Efficiency Standards** | Requirements for residential buildings are generally consistent with the Residential Building Code and Green Building Standards.  
Building energy codes require compliance with energy efficiency standards based on building type and size.  

| **Allow By reinstalling solar power equipment** | **Residential**
---|---
**Limit setback requirements from rooftop** | 

| **Permit Requirements** | **Residential**
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**Building Permit** | Requirement for accessory structures to provide a setback equal to the building setback for the building from the property line.  

| **Accessory Use** | **Residential**
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**Lot Coverage** | 

| **Height** | **Residential**
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**Building Height** | 

| **Design** | **Residential**
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**Solar-Friendly Encouraging** | 

**Encouraging Multifamilies** | There are currently no incentives or mandates.

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**Encouraging Solar-Friendly Projects** | 

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