

Applicant's Guide to a Photovoltaic Electrical Power System

These guidelines provide information on how to apply for a Photovoltaic Electrical Power System within the City limits of Tumwater. Review the referenced Tumwater Municipal Code sections and Photovoltaic System Conditions to determine where and under what restrictions this use is allowed.

For questions regarding the process of obtaining a Photovoltaic System Permit or general questions please contact the Community Development Department at (360) 754-4180.

Filing Requirements

- Photovoltaic Electric Power Systems: Allowed in all zones upon approval of a Building permit.
 - [Permit Application for Residential Solar](#)
 - [Permitting Checklist for Solar](#)
 - If internet access is not available, a paper copy can be obtained from the City of Tumwater Community Development Department located at 555 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98501.

Ground Mounted Solar Equipment

- Setbacks:
 - 5 feet from the side and rear.
- Height:
 - Unless the Photovoltaic Electrical Power System is within the airspace of the Olympia Airport there are no height restrictions per [TMC 18.42.020](#).

Roof Mounted Solar Equipment

- Must be mounted on the roof of an existing or approved building.
- Setbacks:
 - 5 feet from the side and rear.
- Height:
 - Unless the Photovoltaic Electrical Power System is within the airspace of the Olympia Airport there are no height restrictions per [TMC 18.42.020](#).

Miscellaneous Information

- Other code requirements may be applicable depending on the scope of the project. Please contact City Staff to determine what other requirements may be applicable to your project.