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Archuleta County Solar Panel Policy

All solar projects require a state electrical permit.

Solar panel projects that require a building permit.

- Free standing detached solar panels
- Solar panels attached or detached from a home creating an overhead structure or roof.

Solar panel projects that do not require a permit.

- Roof top units installed to an existing structure.
 - It is the responsibility of the contractor and homeowner to verify the structural integrity of the existing structure.

What is needed to obtain a permit for solar projects that require a permit.

- Site plan prepared by a licensed professional surveyor.
 - May be possible to redline an existing site plan/PILC decided upon review.
- Completed utility application for permit.
- Engineered plans stamped by a licensed professional that shall include.
 - Foundation plans and details
 - An elevation plan
 - Wind load criteria 115 ULT
 - Ground snow load 93 psf. Roof snow load 65 psf.

Inspections required by the Building Department

- Pier inspection prior to pour
- Final inspection

Do not pour without an inspection. If the concrete is placed without inspection, you will be required to provide a letter from an engineer stating the foundation is acceptable. If a letter cannot be obtained the concrete shall be removed.

The inspector will call the customer requesting a desired inspection time after the schedule has been set. The inspector will provide an **approximate** time of the inspection. If you do not hear from the building department, the customer may call the building department after 9:30 am to get an ETA.

Thank you,

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