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SUBJECT: Zoning review of solar energy projects

I have reviewed the current zoning code of the City of Roanoke and confirmed that there are no restrictions that would intentionally or unintentionally prohibit development of PV installations. Below is a summary of how PV would be handled.

Standalone

A standalone installation of PV would be classified as "Utility distribution or collection, transitional," which is permitted in all zoning districts either by right or by special exception

Rooftop mount

In base zoning districts, no regulations exist that would inhibit the ability for rooftop installations on existing or new structures.

In historic overlay districts, alternative energy sources are contemplated and the historic guidelines (links below) provide guidance on such installations while protecting the integrity of historic structures.

<http://roanokeva.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1140>

<http://roanokeva.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1091>