

City of Roanoke Residential Real Estate Tax Abatement Certified Solar Energy Equipment

The City of Roanoke offers homeowners a property tax exemption for five years on the purchase and installation of solar equipment. The amount of the annual exemption is based on the cost of the equipment and labor to install it. This cost is multiplied by the real estate tax rate.

For instance, if you have a Bill of Sale for \$12,000 for a solar energy system, facilities, or devices, the exemption of \$142.80 would be subtracted from the owner's property tax bill for five years.

Bill of Sale		Current Real Estate Rate		1 Year Exemption		5-year Exemption
\$12,000	X	0.0119	=	\$142.80		\$714

Program details:

- Property must be located within the City of Roanoke and participants must own the real estate.
- The exemption runs with the property regardless of who owns it; therefore, the tax exemption would transfer to any new owner.
- The full amount of the bill of sale is eligible, including equipment and labor

For more information, contact:

City of Roanoke Permit Office, Municipal Building, Room 170
215 Church Ave, SW, Roanoke, VA 24011
540.853.1090

Process

Property owner's contractor applies in Permit Office for any required permits for the solar equipment. Solar equipment may require building, mechanical, electrical, or plumbing permits.



Installation of solar equipment is completed and a final inspection is completed. Required permits are closed.



Property owner completes an application and attaches a copy of the bill of sale and submits it to the Permit Center. A Permit Tech will check the application and confirm the work is complete and has a final inspection.



The Permit Center will forward the application to the Real Estate Valuation office to have the tax reduction processed.



The Treasurer's Office will notify citizen of the amount of the tax abatement and when it will begin.



No further action is required by the property owner.