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In September 2015, the City of Ventura adopted an expedited, streamlined solar permitting process to help homeowners achieve timely and cost-effective installations of small residential rooftop solar energy systems. The ordinance encourages the use of solar systems by establishing prescriptive guidelines and minimizing costs to property owners and the City of Ventura. In the two months since the ordinance took effect, 27 new solar energy systems have been electronically submitted and approved in Ventura.

The City's Building and Safety Division accepts electronic plan submittal for small residential (single family and/or duplex) rooftop solar systems, with a plan check turnaround of three business days. Over the past two years, the City has reviewed, approved and inspected more than 1250 photovoltaic systems in our community.

The benefits of solar are well known, providing increased property values, lowering operating costs, saving on electricity bills, reducing dependence on grid electricity and protecting the environment.

For more information contact the City of Ventura's Building and Safety Division at 805-654-7869, or visit www.cityofventura.net/page/photovoltaic-information.

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