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# **TOWN OF TIBURON**

## **POLICY FOR SOLAR COLLECTOR PANELS**

*(Town Council Resolution 05-2005, adopted February 2, 2005)*

### **PURPOSE**

To support the State of California in encouraging the use of solar collector panels while also encouraging design which will help to protect and maintain the valued aesthetic qualities which make Tiburon unique.

### **PERMIT FEES WAIVED FOR FLUSH -MOUNTED ROOF SOLAR COLLECTOR PANELS**

The Town of Tiburon will waive the building permit fees<sup>1</sup> associated with the installation of flush-mounted roof solar panels that meet the Guidelines below.

### **DESIGN GUIDELINES**

The Town of Tiburon encourages all property owners to voluntarily comply with the guidelines below.

#### **General**

1. Solar panels and accessory equipment should be integrated into the design of the building wherever possible.
2. Solar panels should be placed on roofs and in locations that are the least visible from public streets, public facilities, and neighboring properties. Accessory equipment located on the ground should be screened from off-site view through careful placement and/or the use of landscaping or fencing.

#### **Roof-Mounted**

3. Roof-mounted solar collectors should match the roof pitch and be placed in close proximity to the surface of the roof below them. To qualify for the building permit waiver, the panels must be installed at the same angle as the roof and the top of the solar panel shall not be more than eight (8) inches higher than the surface of the roof below it.

#### **Ground-Mounted**

4. Ground-mounted solar collectors and accessory equipment should be screened from off-site view through careful placement and/or the use of landscaping or fencing.

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<sup>1</sup> Building permit fees shall not include the Business License Fee and the California Seismic Tax, both of which will be collected.