

To: Ordinance Review Committee
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Subject: Permit Fees for SEPFs
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At the last meeting we discussed creating a separate permit fee for Solar Electric Production Facilities (SEPFs) and there was agreement on tying the amount of the fee to the generation capacity of the facility. I provided two examples of the fee for a 5 MW facility (\$1000/MW or \$2000/MW). Kris opined that these would generate fees that are in line with what he has charged for the prior applications. So if we split the difference and establish the fee as a \$100 application fee plus \$1500 per maximum installed generation capacity of the array, a 5 MW facility would pay a fee of \$7,600.

To establish this fee the City Council would need to revise the Land Use Fee Schedule to create a new category under building permits with the proposed fee. Here is the language of a possible amendment to the fee schedule to do this:

- Amend the Land Use Fee Schedule by adding a new category Solar Electric Production Facility under Building Permits to read as follows:

Solar Electric Production Facility

New installation	\$100 application fee plus \$1500 per megawatt of installed generation capacity or portion thereof
Expansion of an existing installation	\$100 application fee plus \$1500 per megawatt of the increase in the installed generation capacity or portion thereof

If this approach is acceptable, the Committee needs to recommend the proposed amendment to the City Council. This does not require a public hearing by the Planning Board.