

Building Department Permit Fees: Residential and Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Systems City of Goshen

Permit Fee Schedule:

The City of Goshen updated the permit fee schedule in 2017 ([Ordinance 4899](#)). Additional fees for variances, rezoning, conditional use permits, etc. are found in the Goshen Zoning Ordinance [Appendix B](#) (2008). If there are any discrepancies between this memo and other documents, please refer to the most recent versions of the Zoning Ordinance or Building Department Fee Ordinance.

All solar photovoltaic (PV) systems require an electric service fee, provided that the total project cost is \$600 or more. No permits are required if the total project cost is less than \$1,000.

Residential PV Systems:

Every residential system will also require a fee for a Remodeling Permit or Accessory Structure Permit, depending on the location of the system.

A. Attached to Existing Primary Structure (No Variance Required)

1. Electrical Service:
 - a. Up to 200 amps..... \$70
 - b. 201 to 400 amps..... \$80
 - c. 401 amps and over..... \$90
2. Remodeling Permit: \$75

B. Attached to Existing Primary Structure (Developmental Variance Required)

1. Permit Fees:Varies, See A above.
2. Developmental Variance:\$125
3. No additional costs for notification of nearby property owners or newspaper.

C. Ground-Mounted or Attached to Accessory Structure

All ground-mounted systems are considered an accessory structure for permitting purposes.

1. Electrical Service:
 - a. Up to 200 amps..... \$70
 - b. 201 to 400 amps..... \$80
 - c. 401 amps and over..... \$90
2. Accessory Structure..... \$75

Commercial PV Systems:

All projects other than one or two-family residential are considered commercial for the purposes of permitting. For the square footage, use the total area of the solar panels.

1. Electrical Service:
 - a. Up to 200 amps.....\$70
 - b. 201 to 400 amps..... \$80
 - c. 401 amps and over..... \$90
2. Commercial structure:
 - a. Up to 25,000 sq. ft.\$270
 - b. 25,001 to 50,000 sq. ft. \$500
 - c. 50,000 to 100,000 sq. ft. \$630
 - d. 100,001 sq. ft. and over..... \$685 plus \$0.03/sq. ft. over 100,001 sq. ft.