



Klaus Heyne Testimony RE: 10-4-21 Residential Rooftop Solar Permit Process

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Amending MC Codes for Residential Solar Roof Installation Planning Commission Meeting, 10-4-2021

Dear Commissioners,
Multnomah County's land use planning policies are discouraging home owners from switching to renewable energy sources.

New permits for residential solar roof installations in unincorporated Multnomah County have slowed to a standstill. Current codes and staff interpretation are counterproductive to the county's publicly stated goal to encourage CO2 reduction and counteract global warming. Codes and policies need to be amended to ease review and approval.

Two suggestions:

1. The application process should be expedited, in line with 'trade' permits, instead of a full land use review, and its demand up front for full compliance, no matter how trivial and unrelated to solar installations.
2. If requested by the property owner, and structurally feasible, the entire square footage of residential roofs should be made available and permitted for solar panels- via trade permit, without a full land use review.

Thanks you for your attention,
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