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Changing residential solar rooftop permitting

Dear Commissioners, I have spent much time in the last year trying to get ADDITIONAL rooftop solar panels permitted at my home in unincorporated Multnomah County. It has been a morass of rules and regulations that have stymied me. All the folks I have talked to at the planning department and the commissioner's office have been sympathetic and yet of no real help. In the face of climate change the whole process needs to be streamlined and those of us who are trying to save the planet should be supported by the County's policies and regulations.

My strong suggestion is that it goes back to the way it was for me in 2012. I signed a contract with my solar contractor and 3 weeks later the panels were permitted and installed. The process went through Gresham as a 'trade' permit. Easy peasy!!!!

All panels on a residential roof should be permitted in this expedited format regardless of square footage.

Please treat this as an emergency. No need to go back to the drawing board!

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