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Solar panels

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Hello,

I am currently looking into the installation of solar panels on our residence in unincorporated Multnomah County. (NE Hurt Rd., Troutdale) In doing so, I have been made aware of the complicated and discouraging process of complying with Zoning Code Chapter 39, Section 1515. It seems unreasonable to require such an invasive and laborious review of a project designed merely to generate renewable energy, a priority in our rapidly and dangerously changing climate landscape. A neighbor was able to have his house rewired and an in-line generator installed with simple permitting from the City of Gresham.

I urge the Planning Commission to expedite the installation of solar panels (as well as associated battery storage) in unincorporated Multnomah County by adding this to the exceptions list, Section 39.1515. There should be no reason to hinder a homeowner who is committed to take on the expense of solar energy production in order to help save the planet. We must ALL do our part!

Thank you for your consideration.

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