

SolSmart Designation Review Results

Reno

**Designation Awarded:
SILVER**



Review Results as of:
1/7/2022

Prerequisite Summary

Bronze Requirements	Status
PR-1: Solar Statement	Done
PI-1: Solar Permitting Checklist	Done
PZ-1: Zoning Review	Done
20 points in Permitting and Inspection	Done
20 points in Planning and Zoning	Done
20 points in Special Focus Categories	Done

Silver Requirements	Status
Bronze Designation requirements	Done
PI-2: Train permitting staff	Done
PI-3: Train Inspection staff	Done
PZ-4: Zoning clarification	Done
100 points	Done

Gold Requirements	Status
Silver Designation requirements	Done
PI-4: Permit turnaround	Incomplete
PZ-5: Codify solar in zoning	Done
200 points	Incomplete

Category	Earned	Percentage of Category
Permitting and Inspection	65	32%
Planning and Zoning	40	22%
Government Operations	30	19%
Community Engagement	10	14%
Market Development	10	6%
Innovative Action	20	
Total Points	175	

Credit by Credit Summary

Credit	Credit	Solar Statement	Applied	Awarded	Reviewer Notes
PR-1	Yes	Provide a document that demonstrates your local government's commitment to pursue SolSmart designation.	Yes	Yes	

Credit	Credit	Permitting and Inspection Credits	Applied	Awarded	Reviewer Notes
PI-1	Yes	Post an online checklist detailing the required permit(s), submittals, and steps of your community's permitting process for small rooftop solar PV. (Required for Bronze)	Yes	Yes	
PI-2	10	Train permitting staff on best practices for permitting solar PV and/or solar and storage systems. Training must have occurred in the past five years. (Required for Silver).	Yes	10	

PI-3	10	Train inspection staff on best practices for inspecting solar PV and/or solar and storage systems. Training must have occurred within the past five years. (Required for Silver).	Yes	10	
PI-6	5	Require no more than one permit application form for a small rooftop solar PV system.	Yes	5	
PI-7	10	Adopt a standard solar PV permit application form aligned with best practices (e.g. Solar ABCs).	Yes	10	
PI-8	20	Provide an online process for solar PV permit submission and approval.	Yes	20	
PI-15	10	Provide an online process for solar PV inspection scheduling.	Yes	10	

PI Total 65

Credit	Credit	Planning and Zoning Credits	Applied	Awarded	Reviewer Notes
PZ-1	Yes	Review zoning requirements and identify restrictions that intentionally or unintentionally prohibit solar PV development. Compile findings in a memo. (Required for Bronze).	Yes	Yes	
PZ-5	20	Codify in the zoning ordinance that accessory use solar PV is explicitly allowed by-right in all major zones. Zoning ordinance language should not include intentional or unintentional barriers to accessory use solar, such as limits to visibility from public rights-of-way, excessive restrictions to system size, glare studies, subjective design reviews, and neighbor consent requirements. (Required for Gold, PZ-4 is optional)	Yes	20	
PZ-6	5	Ensure the zoning ordinance exempts rooftop solar PV from certain restrictions on accessory uses (e.g. height limits, rooftop equipment screening requirements, or other restrictions).	Yes	5	
PZ-8	5	Ensure the zoning ordinance exempts small ground-mounted solar PV from certain restrictions on accessory uses (e.g. setbacks, coverage or impervious surface calculations, or other restrictions).	Yes	5	
PZ-20	10	Include specific solar PV goals, metrics, and/or strategies in the most current version of relevant local plans (e.g. energy plan, climate plan, comprehensive plan).	Yes	10	

PZ Total 40

Credit Identifier	Credit Points	Government Operations Credits	Applied	Awarded	Reviewer Notes
GO-4	10	Conduct feasibility analysis for solar PV on local government facilities and/or local government-controlled land.	Yes	10	
GO-5	20	Install solar PV on local government facilities and/or local government-controlled land.	Yes	20	

GO Total Awarded 30

Credit	Credit	Community Engagement Credits	Applied	Awarded	Reviewer Notes
CE-1	10	Post a solar landing page on local government's website with information that may include the community's solar goals, educational materials and tools that promote solar, and resources for solar development (e.g. permitting checklist, application forms, zoning regulations, etc.).	Yes	10	

CE Total 10

Credit	Credit	Market Development Credits	Applied	Awarded	Reviewer Notes
MD-7	10	Provide a PACE financing program that includes solar PV as an eligible technology.	Yes	10	

MD Total 10

Credit	Credit	Innovative Action Credit	Applied	Awarded	Reviewer Notes
IA-1	Varies	The actions identified in the categories above represent many of the most common and impactful efforts communities are taking to make going solar easier and more affordable for residents and businesses. However, we know that communities across the country are developing innovative ways to promote and deploy solar energy. If your community has taken action that was not captured in any of the credits above, please share it with us.	Yes	20	