DCRA SOLAR PERMITTING PROCESS

1

Plan Preparation by Applicant

If requested, applicants may consult and discuss their site plans with DCRA plan reviewers.

2

Permit Application within DCRA's Citizen Portal

Select "Solar" construction permit

Pay application fee(s) online or in person (permitting fees based on system size)

Contractor to receive email invitation to upload plan sets into ProjectDox

- Structural Plan
- Fire Plan
- Electrical Plan (requires electrical trade permit)
- Zoning Plan* *Projects under four feet require a solar zoning self-certification form

Begin Pepco Interconnection Application

3

DCRA Review

PRC/ Pre-Screening

- Fire Review
- Structural Review
- Electrical Review
- Zoning Review (if applicable)[1]

HFC (held for comments)[2] → Correct per comments, return to step 3

Approved → SOL building permit issued[3]

1. Zoning and Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) reviews take place if the system height is above four feet or if the installation is performed within a Historic District.
2. Review and feedback provided by DCRA's Permit Operations Division.
3. CREF sites have additional requirements, see other guidance from DCRA.

4

Solar System Installation

District of Columbia interconnection rules require Pepco authorization to install (ATI) prior to system installation.

5

Schedule and Conduct DCRA Inspection (both Final Building Inspection & Final Electrical Inspection)

Disapproved → Perform required change(s) & repeat Step 5

Approved → Installer provides onsite inspection information to Pepco's Green Power Connection Team