DRAFT ENTRANCE CORRIDOR DESIGN CRITERIA
FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR INSTALLATIONS
Revision #3
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Entrance Corridor Review Process for Rooftop Solar Installations

Entrance Corridor review/approval of rooftop solar installations follows one of the following processes depending on the particulars of the proposal:

1. No Architectural Review Board application is required if:
   a. The solar installation will not be visible from the Entrance Corridor street, OR
   b. The solar installation is located 500' or more from the Entrance Corridor street, measured from the right-of-way.

   NOTE: Building permits otherwise required for this work will still require sign-off by ARB staff. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate with ARB staff prior to submitting applications for building permits to confirm lack of visibility in order to facilitate permit approval.
2. An ARB application is required when the solar installation will be visible from the Entrance Corridor street.
   a. If the design of the installation meets the *Entrance Corridor Design Criteria for Rooftop Solar Installations*, ARB staff can review and approve the application.
   b. If the design does not meet these criteria, the proposal will be forwarded to the Architectural Review Board for consideration.
   c. Visible installations that represent independent design elements will be expected to complement the building and will require ARB review.

General Goal

~~To the greatest extent possible, choose~~ Prioritize locations, mounting options, and/or design features that ~~will~~ minimize ~~visibility of the facility~~ obtrusive appearances as viewed from the EC street and that do not disrupt design ~~Panels and related items must not interfere with~~ elements that ~~contribute to~~ define the architectural composition, style or character of the building.

Solar Facilities Mounted on Pitched Roofs Must Have:

1. Panels mounted in a manner that establishes an orderly and coordinated appearance, and avoids disjointed, piecemeal arrangements ~~and stair stepping~~.
2. A grid layout is preferred. Limited removal of blocks of the grid to accommodate existing roof penetrations is acceptable.
3. When stair stepping is required, maintaining consistent offsets, preferably full or half module lengths, is preferred.
4. Panels ~~located parallel to and~~ set back a minimum of 12" from the ridge, eaves and edges of the roof.
5. A panel layout arranged parallel to the ridge of the roof.
6. Panels mounted parallel to the roof plane.
7. Panels of consistent size and color.
8. Fixed, non-moveable panels.
9. Panels mounted such that there is no more than 10" from surface of roof to the top of the panel.
10. Conduit, hardware, and related equipment that are positioned (preferably located on the roof below the modules, interior to the building, or on walls not visible-from the EC) and/or colored to reduce noticeability from the EC. ~~If interior or invisible locations are not available, use matte finishes and colors consistent with the color of the surface to which the equipment is attached.~~

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11. Panels, frames and attached hardware in a consistent color, coordinated with the building whenever possible.
12. Mounting systems that do not extend more than 3" beyond the panels ~~or the roof~~.

Solar Facilities Mounted on Flat Roofs Must Have:

1. Panels arranged in an organized manner, preferably in a grid pattern coordinated with the roof edge, that establishes a coordinated and orderly appearance. ~~consistent with the architecture~~.
2. A mounting design that is unobtrusive or is an element that complements the building.
3. Conduit, hardware, and related equipment that are positioned and/or colored to reduce noticeability ~~located interior to the building or on walls surfaces not visible~~ from the EC. ~~If interior or invisible locations are not available, use matte finishes and colors consistent with the color of the surface to which the equipment is attached.~~
4. Panels with a maximum height above the roof equal to or less than 16".

Notes:

- These criteria do not prohibit the installation of panels on south-facing roofs that face the EC street.
- Solar parking canopies are not included in this category of Countywide Certificate of Appropriateness.

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