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City of Racine expedited permit process for residential solar photovoltaic system installations.

The goal is to save time and money for residents who want to add solar electric (photovoltaic) systems to their homes for greener and more sustainable living.

The City of Racine created an expedited solar permit process to:

- **Reduced time for Approval**- One electrical permit is needed and no review is required from building inspections
- **Reduced Price of Permit**- No building permit is required. A permit with plans would be required if additional supports to the roof structure is needed.
- **Reduced Second Inspection**- No building inspection is needed of framing for solar panels.

The expedited solar permit process is for solar electric (photovoltaic) systems that are 15kw or less on residential dwellings (one & two family units), sizes that are larger than this or are installed on a commercial property will need to go through the traditional plan review and permitting process.

The expedited solar permit process requires the installer to submit structural analysis or stamped letters of the inspected roof systems for the homes of customers.

This expedited permit process is only for the solar electric (photovoltaic) systems. The solar (Geothermal systems) will require an HVAC permit and a Building permit.

Sincerely,

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