

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** September 28, 2015

**FROM:** CITY ATTORNEY

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 TO ADD EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS**

## TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 14 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS**

## PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

On September 21, 2015, the City Council of the City of Pasadena directed the City Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance to comply with California Government Code Section 65850.5 to establish expedited permitting procedures for small residential rooftop solar systems.

## REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

The California Government Code (Section 65850.5) establishes implementation of consistent statewide standards to achieve the timely and cost-effective installation of solar energy systems, and requires that all municipalities remove barriers to their installation. That section requires every municipality that operates a utility to adopt an ordinance that creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems on or before September 30, 2015. Adoption of this ordinance fulfills that requirement.

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**PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED**

The Planning & Community Development Department will implement the proposed ordinance.


**FISCAL IMPACT**

There will not be an immediate fiscal impact as a result of this amendment to the PMC.


**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

On September 21, 2015, the Council found that actions proposed herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) (General Rule).


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