



City of Philadelphia

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Councilmember Kenney

**Referred to the
Committee on the Environment**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code," by providing for the manner of payment of electrical permit fees for the installation of solar electric (also known as photovoltaic) systems.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
AND OCCUPANCY CODE.

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CHAPTER 4-200. TEXT OF SUBCODES

SUBCODE "A" (THE PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE)

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CHAPTER 9 FEES

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SECTION A-901 GENERAL

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A-901.2 Pre-requisite: *Except as provided in Section A-901.2.1, [A]an application shall not be accepted, a permit, license or certificate shall not be issued, nor a listed service performed until the designated fees have been paid.*

A-901.2.1 Electrical permit fees for the installation of solar electric (also known as photovoltaic) systems.

A-901.2.1.1 Solar electric system or photovoltaic system defined: For the purposes of this Section, the terms “solar electric system” and “photovoltaic system” shall each mean the total components and subsystems that, in combination, convert solar energy into electrical energy suitable for connection to a utilization load.

A-901.2.1.2 When fee payment is due. If the electrical permit fee required by Section A-903.2 pertains exclusively to the installation of a solar electric or photovoltaic system, the lesser of the required fee or \$750.00 shall be due prior to the issuance of the permit. Any unpaid balance shall be due within one year of the date that the permit is issued.

A-901.2.1.3 Notice of payment due. Sixty days before any unpaid portion of the fee is due, the Department shall, by first class mail, mail a bill to the applicant, using the address on the permit application or, if the applicant has requested that a different address be used, the requested address.

A-901.2.1.4 Interest and penalties. If the Department receives the required payment by the date that it is due, no interest or penalties shall be due. If the Department has not received the full balance owed by the date that it is due, interest and penalties on any unpaid balance as of the due date shall be calculated from the date the permit was issued, pursuant to Section 9-102(6).

A-901.2.1.5 Upon receipt of a permit application subject to this Section A-901.2.1, the Department shall provide the applicant a written notice explaining the provisions of this Section, Section 9-102(6), and such other Code provisions as the Department deems appropriate.

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.