Mariposa County Building Department

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Subject: Roof mounted solar panels

Dear Solar Contractors:

In regard to new roof mount solar panel systems. An engineering evaluation is required to determine the suitability of existing roof structure to accept a new roof mount solar panel system. A written evaluation is required, and shall be stamped and signed by a licensed engineer or architect and shall be submitted with the project plans and permit application.

The above evaluation *may* be waived by the Building Official if all of the following are submitted for waiver consideration.

1. The permit applicant must request, in writing, that the above evaluation be waived.
2. The applicant must present solid evidence through existing truss drawings, or prescriptive building code span tables that the existing roof framing can support the additional load of the new panel system.
3. The applicant must submit in writing his intent to accept complete responsibility for the design and load consequences of his system.
4. If the applicant is not the owner of record, the owner of record shall submit a letter to the Building Official acknowledging and accepting the applicant's waiver request for the system installation.

Thank you,

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