

# Solar Panels for Cleveland Landmarks and Districts

Cleveland Landmarks Commission



## Materials

Panels and frames should be dark and a single color. Light frames with dark panels draw more attention to the non-historic elements. Cables and brackets should be dark in color and any additions to the building should be unobtrusive.

## Location

Solar Panels should not be installed on a street facing elevation. Preferred locations are on secondary structures, rear of buildings and recessed from the edges of the roof.



## Orientation

Panels should be installed in a complete formation with no missing panels and in the same direction for a cohesive appearance.

## Keep in Mind

Be sure that the roof can handle the additional weight of the solar panel system. Locations of the panels can be in a variety of unobtrusive locations depending on the needs of the owner.



## Steps to Take:

1. Apply for a Building Permit with the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing
2. Submit project information to the Cleveland Landmarks Commission Office - include images and a plan for the locations and orientation of the panels
3. Panels visible from the public right of way will require further approval through the Design Review Process - Landmarks staff can assist with scheduling

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## SOLAR PANELS

More information on solar panel installation can be found in the Solar Panel Installation Guidelines. If the proposed solar panel installation meets the criteria, Landmarks staff can administratively approve it.

### SOLAR PANEL CRITERIA:

- Located on secondary structures, set back from the front of the home, or not visible from the public right of way
- Dark/single color panels and frames
- Not located on architecturally significant roofs or roof elements

**Depending on the scope of work, a project may need to be reviewed through the Landmarks Commission Design Review process to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness.**

### Design Review Advisory Committee

Design Review Advisory Committees are organized by region and meet at regularly scheduled dates/times on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of each month. These Committees are advisory to the Landmarks Commission.

### Cleveland Landmarks Commission

Projects are presented to the Landmarks Commission after they have been reviewed by the appropriate Design Review Advisory Committee. The Landmarks Commission meets at a regularly scheduled time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month.

Landmarks Commission staff coordinates Design Review Advisory Committee meetings and will provide detail on what is required for the meetings.

