



County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services  
**SETBACKS FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC  
PANELS**  
*ZONING DIVISION*

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**In Front and/or Exterior Side Yard Setback:**

Shall not exceed 30 inches in height and must maintain a minimum 3 foot setback from the property line.

**In Interior Side Yard Setback:**

Shall not exceed 12 feet in height and must maintain a minimum 3 foot setback from the property line.

**In Rear Yard Setback:**

Shall not exceed 12 feet in height and must maintain a minimum 3 foot setback from the property line. Solar Panels shall not cover more than 50% of the required yard in combination with all other structures encroaching into the rear yard setback.

**Within the Main Building Envelope (Beyond Setback):**

Allowable maximum height is the same as the height designator.

**Roof-Mounted Solar Panels within the Main Building Envelope:**

Shall not extend more than 5 feet above the highest point of the roof (Zoning Ordinance Section 4620.i)

**Roof-Mounted Solar Panels within Interior Side Yard Setback / Rear Yard Setback:**

Total height (accessory building including solar panels) shall not exceed 12 feet (Zoning Ordinance Section 4835.f).