



# Planning

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To: Mr. Paul Cameron

**RE: ADVISORY DETERMINATION OF USE – Photovoltaic Systems**

The Durham City-County Planning Department wishes to encourage the use of accessory photovoltaic systems and confirm that such systems are allowed as an accessory use in all zoning districts when conforming to certain requirements. Specifically, photovoltaic systems

- a. are subject to the dimensional standards of UDO Section 6.12.3B.1, and
- b. systems proposed in local historic districts will be subject to any and all standards of those districts through the application and approval of a certificate of appropriateness per UDO 3.17, and
- c. systems placed on rooftops are exempt from screening per UDO 9.7.1C, and
- d. the height of screening for ground level systems shall be the height of the equipment plus six inches per UDO 9.7.2B.1. This screening is only required for multifamily and nonresidential development, per UDO 9.7.1A.1

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