

(g) On or before September 30, 2015, every city, county, or city and county shall adopt an ordinance, consistent with the goals and intent of subdivision (a), that creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems. In developing an expedited permitting process, the city, county, or city and county shall adopt a checklist of all requirements with which small rooftop solar energy systems shall comply to be eligible for expedited review. ~~If submitted during business hours, an~~ An application that meets the requirements in the checklist shall be ~~reviewed within 24 business hours~~ deemed approved upon receipt of the application submittal. ~~If submitted after business hours, an application that meet the requirements in the checklist shall be reviewed within 24 business hours of the beginning of the next business day after submittal of the application.~~ The checklist and required permitting documentation shall be published on a publically accessible Internet Web site and the city, county, or city and county shall allow for electronic submittal of a permit application and associated documentation, and shall authorize the electronic signature on all forms, applications, and other documentation in lieu of a wet signature by an applicant. In developing the ordinance, the city, county, or city and county shall strive to conform with standardized checklists based on existing statewide solar permitting guidelines or best practices including those developed through the United States Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative.

(h) For a small residential rooftop solar energy system eligible for expedited review, only one inspection shall be required and that one inspection shall be scheduled within ~~two~~ five business days of a request, if the request is received during business hours. If the request is received after business hours, the inspection shall be scheduled within ~~two~~ five business days of the beginning of the next business day after receipt of the request. If a city, county, or city and county determines it is unable to provide inspections within ~~two~~ five business days of a request, the city, county, or city and county may hold a public hearing and adopt an ordinance or resolution providing for a different time period or different means for scheduling inspections. ~~authorize a third party inspection, using a qualified or certified inspector.~~ If the small residential rooftop

solar energy system fails inspection, a subsequent inspection shall also conform to the requirements of this subdivision.