

## **Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet**

**Title:** Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes adding Section 15.04.170 to the Town Municipal Code relating to expedited permitting procedures for small residential rooftop solar systems.

**Council Meeting Date:** 4/20/2022

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**Recommended Motion:** Waive the first reading and introduce by title only the attached Ordinance which enacts expedited permitting procedures for small residential rooftop solar systems and adding Section 15.04.170 to the Municipal Code.

**Summary:** Section 65850.5(a) of the California Government Code provides that it is the policy of the State to promote and encourage the installation and use of solar energy systems by limiting obstacles to their use and by minimizing the permitting costs of such systems. Section 65850.5(g)(1) of the California Government Code requires that, on or before September 30, 2015, every city, county, or city and county must adopt an ordinance that creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems. The streamlined permitting process includes the provision that cities cannot require small residential rooftop solar systems to go through a discretionary permit process (i.e., administrative permit, use permit, etc.). The ordinance codifies the requirements of Section 65850.5(g)(1).