



## CITY OF PROVIDENCE

### **Consider your Zone**

Solar panels are allowed on homes and businesses everywhere in Providence. If your building is located in a historic district or downtown, your project proposal will need an extra review by the [Historic District Commission](#) or the [Downtown Design Review Committee](#). Find out if this applies to you by using [this tool](#). If it does, just let your solar contractor know and they will help with the review process.

Going solar in a historic district is a simple process. Fill out an application on the HDC website to have your proposed changes reviewed. Solar panels are considered a minor alteration. As long as the changes meet the [guidelines](#), HDC staff in the Providence Department of Planning and Development will review the application and approve the project. If the proposed solar is deemed highly visible or otherwise disruptive to the historic quality of the building or area, it will go before the committee. The committee will review the case and determine if this is the only option for the resident to go solar. To learn more, visit the [HDC website](#) or contact Jason Martin in the Department of Planning and Development at (401)680-8517 or [jmartin@providenceri.gov](mailto:jmartin@providenceri.gov).