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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO LAUNCHES PORTAL TO ISSUE INSTANT SOLAR AND ENERGY STORAGE PERMITS, POWERED BY SYMBIUM

SAN FERNANDO, CA – Symbium and San Fernando are proud to announce the launch of instant permits for residential solar and battery storage systems. Powered by [Symbium](#) – the Complaw[®] company whose technology translates complex laws and regulations into simple workflows – this groundbreaking platform verifies code compliance in real time and automates the issuance of solar and energy storage permits, lowering the costs for permit applicants and homeowners and increasing the speed of installing residential solar energy systems in San Fernando.

About California’s SB 379 Solar Permitting Mandate.

Symbium’s development of its solar permitting platform was catalyzed by SB 379. SB 379 is a recent California law that requires most California cities and counties to implement a platform that checks for code compliance and automates the issuance of permits for residential solar energy and storage systems. Such mandates to streamline the permitting of decarbonization projects are likely to proliferate as California and other States strive to meet the [United States’s goal of 100% clean electricity by 2035](#).

Uniquely Symbium.

Real-Time Code Compliance. Symbium automatically verifies compliance with State and local regulations, ensuring that every residential solar and battery storage system adheres to the required standards. Symbium’s solution is SB379-compliant.

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Instantaneous Regulatory Analysis. Symbium provides immediate, substantive feedback on why a scope of work meets or fails to meet regulatory requirements, allowing solar installers to quickly and easily revise their proposals to comply with the code.

Streamlined Permitting Process. Symbium provides a beautifully-designed, user-friendly interface for solar installers to submit their permit applications. Installers can apply for permits and pay permit fees directly through Symbium, which integrates seamlessly with San Fernando's permit tracking system. Symbium also automatically checks for a valid contractor's and business license, instantly ensuring that only qualified professionals are submitting applications.

California jurisdictions are invited to get in touch with Symbium to learn more about how Symbium can help streamline solar and other decarbonization permit processes in their communities. Symbium is currently enrolling California cities and counties in two pilot programs for [solar permits](#) and [express, no-plan permits](#).

Benefits of instant solar permits.

The automatic analysis of code compliance requirements and instant permit issuance not only ensures that every application meets the necessary safety and regulatory standards, decreases costs for homeowners and permit applicants, and increases the speed of solar installations. It will also help the City achieve its goal of strengthening climate resilience and promoting energy efficient capital improvements.

Director of Community Development Erika Ramirez expressed enthusiasm for the launch, stating, "We are thrilled to introduce this state-of-the-art online platform, which marks a significant step towards promoting renewable energy adoption and enhancing the ease of doing business in our community. In addition, we are pleased to announce this partnership with Symbium, which made the adoption seamless, integrating into our permit tracking system and customizing the platform to our local processes and code requirements."

With the launch of this online platform, not only will San Fernando comply with California's SB379 solar permitting mandate, it positions itself as a leader in fostering renewable energy adoption while prioritizing efficiency, safety, and sustainability. This initiative sets the stage for continued growth in the residential solar and battery storage sector, benefitting both the community and the environment.

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How to apply for instant permits in San Fernando using Symbium.

To get started with applying for a residential solar permit in San Fernando, visit <https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/community-development/>.

About the City of San Fernando

Incorporated in 1911 and nestled at the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, San Fernando has a population of approximately 25,000, and is a diverse, family-oriented community of about 2.4 square miles. The City of San Fernando is a full-service General Law City with Police, Public Works, Finance, Community Development, Recreation and Community Services, City Clerk and Administration departments. The City contracts for fire services with the City of Los Angeles Fire Department and is governed by a five-member City Council who serve four-year terms, with a Mayor appointed every year, on a rotating basis, by a majority vote of the City Council.

About Symbium.

[Symbium](#) is a San Francisco-based company that is reinventing the citizen-to-government experience, with an initial focus on permitting and incentives for residential decarbonization projects (e.g., installation of solar panels, energy storage, heat pumps). Homeowners and contractors use Symbium to instantly understand and visualize what's possible on a property, and then submit and manage permit and rebate applications. Key to this disruption is Symbium's proprietary Complaw® technology, which enables a Turbotax-like mechanization of regulatory analysis and was initially developed by the founding team at Stanford AI Lab. Symbium is an awardee in the esteemed Third Derivative, Uptake Alliance, and IMPEL cohort of climate tech companies, the winner of the [2023 Association for Corporate Growth Awards in San Francisco](#), was a finalist in the [2022 ALP Alain Colmerauer Prolog Heritage Prize](#), has been recognized as a [GovTech 100 company in 2023, 2022, and 2021](#), is a [2021 American Bar Association Women of Legal Tech](#) award recipient, and is a [2020 Ivory Prize](#) awardee for innovations in regulation and policy to achieve housing affordability. Symbium is headquartered in San Francisco, California. For press inquiries, contact press@symbium.com.

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