



MEMO TO P&Z COMMISSION

From: Caleb Hood, Planning Division Manager **Meeting Date:** February 3, 2022
Presenters: Caleb Hood, Jason Korn **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes
Topic: SolSmart Community Presentation

Recommended Action:

None; Informational Only

Background:

The City of Meridian is participating in the SolSmart designation process. SolSmart is a national designation and technical assistance program funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technologies Office. Through the evaluation of the existing permitting, inspection, and zoning processes, the City is working to reduce barriers and identify opportunities to help streamline solar permitting and inspections. This process supports the City's strategic goal of implementing financially responsible, sustainable and environmentally conscious project that promote energy efficiency.

Part of the process to become a designated SolSmart community, includes a comprehensive review of current City Code and then presenting that analysis and findings to the Planning & Zoning Commission. There is a Zoning Review document attached. Staff will be in attendance at the February 3rd P&Z Commission meeting to present and discuss this program, the findings from the Zoning Review and next steps.

Attachment