



# CITY OF OREGON CITY

## Staff Report/

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**To:** Historic Review Board

**Agenda Date:** 5.28.2024

**From:** Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner

### **SUBJECT:**

Improving the Historic Review Approval Process- Revisit HRB Policy #12 Solar Panels

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Review the proposed redlines for HRB Policy #12 and Design Guidelines for Alterations, provide any additional redlines, and tentatively approve the revisions. Once tentatively approved, staff will reach out to the Canemah and McLoughlin Neighborhood Associations to present the approach and look for a future City Commission meeting to present the changes prior to a formal HRB adoption.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the March Historic Review Board meeting, the HRB reached a consensus to allow solar panels on publicly visible side gable primary elevations to be approved through a Type I staff review as long as they were set back 1/3 from the front of the roof (aka back 2/3rds).

Staff has provided redlines for HRB Policy #12 and redlines to the Design Guidelines for Alterations to provide guidance to the HRB when solar panels that do not meet the HRB policies are reviewed on a Type III HRB hearing.

As part of the 2023-2025 HR work plan, The Board is considering expanding the policy to include additional configurations that could be approved at a Type I staff-level review. Changes to accepted materials, size, color, and design are not part of this review- only the configurations (where the panels are located on the roof) would potentially be expanded to include additional locations allowed under a Type I review.