

City of Key West Solar Evaluation Form

Per Resolution 19-328, options for solar power components shall be presented to the City Commission for all future City development and redevelopment projects.

Please attach supporting documents, including panel specs for calculations

Section 1: Energy Usage

Project Name: Frederick Douglas Gym Post Disaster Importance
__X__ High __ Med __ Low

Square Feet of Building(s): 9,587 SF

Estimated Annual Energy Use (Kw):

Estimated Daily Emergency Energy Use (Kw):

Section 2: Energy Use Related to Water Heating: __ N/A

Section 3: Panel Specs:

Warranty: 25 years Expected Lifespan: 40 years

Section 4: Estimated Energy Production

Potential Siting	Space Available for Solar (sq foot)	Estimated Energy Output (KwH/Yr)	Price Per Kilowatt	Estimated Percent Energy Supplanted
Roof	9,000	111,069	0.17	
Parking Lot				
Other				
Other				
Water Heater				

Section 5: Estimated Energy Production Cost

Potential Siting	Cost of Net Zero (supplants all usage)	ROI (Years)	Cost of Supplanting Emergency Use	ROI (Years)
Roof				
Parking Lot				
Other				
Other				
Water Heater				

Section 6: Recommended Installation

Potential Siting	% of Usage Supplanted	Cost	ROI (Years)
Roof			
Parking Lot			
Other			
Other			
Water Heater			

Section 7: Narrative:

A grid tie solar system is most logical type of system for this application. For a system size of 68 KW works out to 320 watts/panel and costs roughly at \$4/watt to build. $\$4 \times 68,000 = \$272,000$.

PVWATTS.NRELGOV calculator shows this system will produce 111,069 KW-hrs/year. Total cost for electricity on the Keys Energy Service system is \$0.17/Kw-hr. This system will produce $\$0.17 \times 111,069 = \$18,882$ worth of electricity every year or roughly \$1,573/month.

If we take the full cost of the system and divide by the amount of electricity it will produce annually, we find that $\$272,000 \div \$18,882 = 14.4$ years for the system to pay for itself. If the cost can be reduced by 25% then the payoff goes down by 25% to 10.8 years. Neither of these factor in cost increases for the electricity. If electricity costs increase each year, then payback is faster depending on the increase in electricity costs.

Using the numbers above, then the system will produce $20 \times \$18,882 = \$377,640$ worth of electricity in those 20 years. If energy costs increase 2% each year for 20 years the system will produce \$458,783 worth of electricity over the 20 years.

Note that a solar panels general carry 25 year warranties and can last much longer. If this system lasts 40 years it will pay for itself several times over.

Section 8: Attachments