

Solar Panel Installation Policy

This policy outlines the procedures and considerations for reviewing solar panel installation requests in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute § 38-30-168 and Alpha architectural guidelines.

1. Purpose

To ensure compliance with Colorado law while maintaining reasonable aesthetic standards in the subdivision. This policy supports homeowners' rights to install solar energy systems while providing clear expectations for architectural approval.

2. Legal Context

Under Colorado law (C.R.S. § 38-30-168), homeowners may install solar energy devices on their property. Architectural Committees may not prohibit solar panel installations but may enforce reasonable aesthetic guidelines that do not significantly increase cost or reduce system efficiency.

3. Application Requirements

Homeowners must submit an architectural application prior to the installation of any solar energy device. Applications should include:

- A diagram or rendering of the installation site
- Manufacturer specifications
- Details on system dimensions, placement, and visibility
- Contractor information and expected start date

4. Review Criteria

The Architectural Committee may require reasonable adjustments based on appearance, provided such changes do not:

- Increase installation cost significantly
- Reduce energy output or efficiency

Acceptable considerations include:

- Panel alignment with roofline
- Concealment of conduit and wiring where feasible
- Panel frame color that matches roof or trim where available

5. Prohibited Actions by the Committee

- Blanket denial of solar panel systems
- Imposing requirements that materially interfere with system function or affordability
- Delaying application reviews beyond 45 days without cause

6. Noncompliance

Failure to submit an application before installation will result in a notice of noncompliance.

7. Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed as needed to ensure continued compliance with state law and evolving technologies.

Approved by the Architectural Committee