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SOLAR PANEL STANDARDS

California promotes and encourages the use of solar energy systems. California Civil Code 714 and 714.1 permit an Association to apply reasonable restrictions, provided such restrictions do not significantly increase the cost of the installation or significantly decrease its efficiency. Aesthetic considerations are a proper part of the architectural review process, provided that they comply with these Civil Code guidelines.

Requirements for Solar Water Heating installations shall not decrease efficiency by more than 10% or increase installation costs by more than 10%, or in no case, more than \$1,000.

Requirements for Solar Energy installations shall not decrease efficiency by more than 10% or increase installation costs by more than \$1,000.

Solar energy systems shall meet applicable health and safety standards and requirements imposed by state and local permitting authorities. Obtaining certification and/or permits shall be the responsibility of the Owner and/or contractor.

Contractors installing solar energy systems are required to hold an A, B, C-10 or C-46 license.

No portion of a solar energy system may be installed by an owner on common area, nor encroach onto an adjacent owner's lot.

No component of a solar energy system may be higher than the ridgeline of the roof.

Solar collectors may not be located lower than the gutters on the roof.

Electrical conduits from the collectors must be either:

- routed through the attic, or
- any portion routed across the roof must be painted to blend in with the color of the roof.

Water pipes from the collectors must be painted to blend in with the color of the roof.

Electrical conduits and/or water pipes which are located on the side of the house must be painted to match the color of the body of the house.

Solar panels which face the street or the front of the house should be "all black" as opposed to black panels with silver/metallic frames.

Solar panels should not be mounted more than 6 inches away from the roof and should match the slope of the roof.

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Solar panels should be arranged in a regular rectangular array. Where roof vents would separate panels, the roof vents should be rerouted to make the panel array contiguous and rectangular.

All applications shall be in writing.

The approval or denial of an application shall be in writing.

If an application is not denied in writing within 45 days from the date of receipt, the application shall be deemed approved, unless the delay is the result of a reasonable request for additional information.

Note: Solar panel installations require a permit and inspections by the Town of Danville.