

ARC Request Guidelines for Solar Panels

The following guidelines were created to assist homeowners who are considering submitting an ARC Request for solar panels.

All modification or enhancement requests must be submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors prior to commencement. ARC Requests are reviewed and approved on an individual basis and following the guidelines indicated below does not guarantee approval.

Governing Documents: The Ennisbrook Declaration of Protective Covenants, Article VI, Section 23 (Energy Conservation Equipment) stipulates that solar panels must be "...an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure..." and gives the Board of Directors sole discretion in determining what that constitutes.

1. Location and Installation:

- Solar panels may typically be installed on the roof but not on the ground or elsewhere on the property.
- Panels should not be installed on the front-facing field of the roof or be noticeably visible from the street.
- Panels should be installed so that each panel lies flat with the roof pitch.
- Panels should be of the same size and shape (uniform).

2. Integration and Color:

- All components of the solar panel system should be integrated into the home's design.
- The color of all system components should match the color of the roof shingles.
- Solar "shingles" that mimic composite shingles are acceptable but should match the current roof shingles.

3. Approval Process:

- **Preapproval** by the **Architectural Review Committee (Board of Directors)** is required before installation.
- Applications submitted to the ARC should include:
 - A **diagram drawn to scale** showing the system's location.
 - **Photos of the roof area** where the array will be mounted.
 - Material descriptions, photos, and colors of the system.
 - Piping and electrical connections should be inconspicuously placed when viewed from all angles.

4. Height and Maintenance:

- The highest point of a solar panel array should be **lower than the ridge of the roof** where it is attached.
- **All components** must be kept in good repair.