

LEISURE VALLEY HOMEOWNERS, INC.
SOLAR DEVICE POLICY
ENERGY EFFICIENT ROOFING POLICY

Terms used but not defined in this policy will have the meaning subscribed to such terms in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Stipulations and Restrictions recorded as Document No. 1144123. Real Property Records, Hidalgo County, Texas, as amended (the "Covenant").

Note: Texas statutes presently render null and void any restriction in the Covenant which prohibits the installation of solar devices or energy efficient roofing on a residential lot. The Board and/or the architectural approval authority under the Covenant has adopted this policy in lieu of any express prohibition against solar devices or energy efficient roofing, or any provision regulating such matters which conflict with Texas law, as set forth in the Covenant

A. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Solar Energy Device Defined. A "Solar Energy Device" means a system or series of mechanisms designed primarily to provide heating or cooling or to produce electrical or mechanical power by collecting and transferring solar-generated energy. The term includes a mechanical or chemical device that has the ability to store solar-generated energy for use in heating or cooling or in the production of power.

2. Energy Efficiency Roofing Defined. As used in this Policy, "**Energy Efficiency Roofing**" means shingles that are designed primarily to: (a) be wind and hail resistant; (b) provide heating and cooling efficiencies greater than those provided by customary composite shingles; or (c) provide solar generation capabilities.

3. Architectural Review Approval Required. Approval by the architectural review authority under the Covenant (the "ACC") is required prior to installing a Solar Energy Device or Energy Efficient Roofing. The ACC is not responsible for: (i) errors in or omissions in the application submitted to the ACC for approval; (ii) supervising the installation or construction to confirm compliance with an approved application; or (iii) the compliance of approved application with governmental codes and ordinances, state and federal laws.

B. SOLAR ENERGY DEVICE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Approval Application. To obtain ACC approval of a Solar Energy Device, the Owner shall provide the ACC with the following information: (i) the proposed installation location of the Solar Energy Device; and (ii) a description of the Solar Energy Device, including the dimensions, manufacturer, and photograph or other accurate depiction (the "**Solar Application**"). A Solar Application may only be submitted by an Owner unless the Owner's tenant provides written confirmation at the time of submission that the Owner consents to the Solar Application.

2. Approval Process. The decision of the ACC will be made within a reasonable time, or within the time period otherwise required by the principal deed restrictions which govern the review and approval of improvements. The ACC will approve a Solar Energy Device if the Solar Application complies with Section B.3 below **UNLESS** the ACC makes a written determination that placement of the Solar Energy Device, despite compliance with Section B.3, will create a condition that substantially interferes with the use and enjoyment of the property within the community by causing unreasonable discomfort or annoyance to persons of ordinary sensibilities. The ACC's right to make a written determination in accordance with the foregoing sentence is negated if all Owners

of property immediately adjacent to the Owner/applicant provide written approval of the proposed placement. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, a Solar Application submitted to install a Solar Energy Device on property owned or maintained by the Association or property owned in common by members of the Association will not be approved despite compliance with Section B.3. Any proposal to install a Solar Energy Device on property owned or maintained by the Association or property owned in common by members of the Association must be approved in advance and in writing by the Board, and the Board need not adhere to this policy when considering any such request.

Each Owner is advised that if the Solar Application is approved by the ACC, installation of the Solar Energy Device must: (i) strictly comply with the Solar Application; (ii) commence within thirty (30) days of approval; and (iii) be diligently prosecuted to completion. If the Owner fails to cause the Solar Energy Device to be installed in accordance with the approved Solar Application, the ACC may require the Owner to: (i) modify the Solar Application to accurately reflect the Solar Energy Device installed on the property; or (ii) remove the Solar Energy Device and reinstall the device in accordance with the approved Solar Application. Failure to install a Solar Energy Device in accordance with the approved Solar Application or an Owner's failure to comply with the post-approval requirements constitutes a violation of this policy and may subject the Owner to fines and penalties. Any requirement imposed by the ACC to resubmit a Solar Application or remove and relocate a Solar Energy Device in accordance with the approved Solar Application shall be at the Owner's sole cost and expense.

3. Approval Conditions. Unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by the ACC, each Solar Application and each Solar Energy Device to be installed in accordance therewith must comply with the following:

(i) The Solar Energy Device must be located on the roof of the residence located on the Owner's lot, entirely within a fenced area of the Owner's lot, or entirely within a fenced patio located on the Owner's lot. If the Solar Energy Device will be located on the roof of the residence, the ACC may designate the location for placement unless the location proposed by the Owner increases the estimated annual energy production of the Solar Energy Device, as determined by using a publicly available modeling tool provided by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, by more than 10 percent above the energy production of the Solar Energy Device if installed in the location designated by the ACC. If the Owner desires to contest the alternate location proposed by the ACC, the Owner should submit information to the ACC which demonstrates that the Owner's proposed location meets the foregoing criteria. If the Solar Energy Device will be located in the fenced area of the Owner's lot or patio, no portion of the Solar Energy Device may extend above the fence line.

(ii) If the Solar Energy Device is mounted on the roof of the principal residence located on the Owner's lot, then: (A) the Solar Energy Device may not extend higher than or beyond the roofline; (B) the Solar Energy Device must conform to the slope of the roof and the top edge of the Solar Device must be parallel to the roofline; (C) the frame, support brackets, or visible piping or wiring associated with the Solar Energy Device must be silver, bronze or black.

C. ENERGY EFFICIENT ROOFING

The ACC will not prohibit an Owner from installing Energy Efficient Roofing provided that the Energy Efficient Roofing shingles: (i) resemble the shingles used or otherwise authorized for use within the community; (ii) are more durable than, and are of equal or superior quality to, the shingles used or otherwise authorized for use within the community; and (iii) match the aesthetics of adjacent property.

An Owner who desires to install Energy Efficient Roofing will be required to comply with the architectural review and approval procedures set forth in the Covenant. In conjunction with any such approval process, the Owner should submit information which will enable the ACC to confirm the criteria set forth in the previous paragraph.

I hereby certify that I have been instructed by the Board of Directors of the Association to execute this policy.

LEISURE VALLEY HOMEOWNERS, INC.

By: _____

Bruce Jurrens, Director

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 2020, by Bruce Jurrens, Director, of Leisure Valley Homeowners, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation, on behalf of said nonprofit corporation.

Notary Public, State of Texas

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