**Camelot Park Homeowners Association**

**Architectural Committee**

**Solar Panels**

**Guidelines or Requirements**

**Summary:**

Currently, solar panels are not an approved installation. The Camelot Park Covenants & Restrictions # 6 (b) and #20 (2nd sentence) speaks broadly to various installations requiring Architectural Committee review and approval.    
  
While solar panels are not specifically mentioned or outlined in the Covenants & Restrictions, it would broadly include them and other electrical type items, etc. Therefore, a review and approval of the Architectural Committee is required.

We’ve had the opportunity to discuss this with other homeowner associations presidents and some Tulsa realtors. There are currently no homes in our surrounding HOA subdivisions with solar panels installed. In addition, in speaking with a local realtor, she stated no homes that she has sold has solar panels or requested them as part of a sale.

**Pros and Cons of Solar Panels Installations.**

Many of the advantages and disadvantages of installing solar panels seem to present a tradeoff. Solar panel technology is constantly improving, which means it’s not perfect yet. You’ll get a return on your investment, but it can take a long time. Energy produced from solar panels is abundant, clean, and renewable, though, and its carbon footprint is a one-time occurrence — a solar power system will continuously reduce the carbon footprint for years to come.

**Pros**

* Reduced electricity bills
* Financial support from the government
* Energy independence
* Reduced carbon footprint
* Little maintenance required
* Longevity

**Cons**

* High initial cost
* Weather dependence
* Inability to move with you
* Limitations from your surroundings
* Inconvenience in inner cities and other areas with limited space
  + A solar system requires a decent amount of space to install the equipment and have everything run smoothly, and so solar panels might be inconvenient in inner cities and other areas with limited space**. About 100 square feet of roof space is required for every 1 kW of conventional solar panels.** If you have limited space or a small roof, you might not have the space for all the solar panels needed to power your entire house.

**Based on this review, below are the guidelines or requirements that must be followed:**

1. All specifications and installation designs must be submitted to the Architectural Committee as required by Covenant & Restrictions # 6 (b) and #20 (2nd sentence)
2. The panels when installed must **not** be visible from the **street at any angle.**
3. They must be manufactured by a reputable company and installed by a qualified installer.
4. The maintenance should be followed consistent with the requirements outlined in #31 of the Covenants and Restrictions
5. The panels should blend in with or be aesthetically compatible with the current roof surface.

**Final Comment**: Homeowners may want to consider a whole home generator like the “**Generac Whole Home Generator”** since there are other home generators on the market, as an alternative electrical resource.

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