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Section 67-701A of the Code of Virginia states, “No community association shall prohibit an owner from installing a solar energy collection device on that owner's property unless the recorded declaration for that community association establishes such a prohibition. However a community association may establish reasonable restrictions concerning the size, place, and manner of placement of such solar energy collection devices on property designated and intended for individual ownership and use.”

Dawson Landing ARB Criteria and Standards. Section 12.33 states:

Solar panels require approval from the Architectural Review Board. Panels must be mounted to the rear side of the dwelling's roof and may be flush or extended. If extended they may not extend above the roof peak such that they are visible from the street (or pipe-stem). No other mounting locations are acceptable.

Section 67-701B further states, “A restriction shall be deemed not to be reasonable if application of the restriction to a particular proposal (i) increases the cost of installation of the solar energy collection device by five percent over the projected cost of the initially proposed installation or (ii) reduces the energy production by the solar energy collection device by 10 percent below the projected energy production of the initially proposed installation. The owner shall provide documentation prepared by an independent solar panel design specialist, who is certified by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners and is licensed in Virginia, that is satisfactory to the community association to show that the restriction is not reasonable according to the criteria established in this subsection.”

In order to meet VA Code definition of not reasonable, you must:

- provide documentation which meets requirements of the code prepared by an *independent* solar panel design specialist,
- who is *certified by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners*
- and is *licensed in Virginia*.

Documentation showing the cost and solar energy collection variance between rear only and visible installations must be presented with your Request for Change package along with validation from the independent specialist.