

## **Westbrooke HOA**

### **Re: VIII Use Restrictions**

#### **Section U: Solar Panels and Storage Batteries/Cells**

**Date: As of January 5, 2016**

This section pertains to the proper installation and use of Solar Panels in the Westbrooke subdivision. A Homeowner, who is planning to install solar panels, must present their plan/proposal to the Westbrooke HOA Trustees and Design Review Board. Such plan/proposal shall include the following:

- 1) Picture of the solar panel to be installed on the home.
- 2) Description, size, and quantity of each solar panel to be purchased and installed.
- 3) Picture of the roof of the home which solar panel will be installed.
- 4) Documentation from the City of Columbus and the Contractor who is installing the solar panels as well as the electrical work must be obtained, and presented to the HOA DRB for review if asked from any Trustee to see and review.
- 5) Picture, description, and size of the battery cell(s) if used in the installation.

#### **Requirements:**

- 1) Solar panels can only be installed on the back roof of the home. They cannot be installed on the front roof of the house facing the street, nor the side of the house, and not on poles.
- 2) Solar Panels installed on the ground must lay flat on the ground in the backyard, and fenced in so to not be visible from the street.
- 3) Normal Home solar panels are only to be used. "No" highly reflective panels.
- 4) Homeowner must acquire documentation from the City of Columbus for installation such as a permit, and have final inspection performed by the City of Columbus.
- 5) Homeowner must acquire documentation from the Installer of the solar panels to guarantee installation is properly performed to code including wiring/electrical.
- 6) Solar panel must blend in with the roof of the home.
- 7) Homeowner needs to check with their local electrical energy provider (ex. AEP Ohio, AEP Energy, etc..) to obtain information related to solar panels use and installation.