

**Sec. 22.03.009 Solar energy devices**

- (a) Purpose. To help alleviate the growing energy shortage and lessen the reliance on increasingly uncertain power sources, it is the purpose of this section to encourage the use of solar energy for space heating and cooling in buildings and for heating water.
- (b) Permitted uses. The use of solar energy devices for the purpose of providing energy is a permitted use within all zones, either as a part of a structure, or an independent structure. Solar energy devices shall be subject to the setback and height limitations affecting dwellings, garages, and other major improvements.
- (c) Variances. Variances shall be granted from restrictions such as heights, setback and lot density where such variances are reasonable and necessary to assure unobstructed access to direct sunlight. Variances shall not be granted which would cause an unreasonable obstruction of direct sunlight to adjacent property if there is a reasonable probability of utilization of passive or active solar radiation on such adjacent property.
- (1996 Code, sec. 14-79)