

CITY OF RED LODGE

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DATE: April 16, 2019
FROM: James Caniglia, Community Development Director
RE: Solar Panels in Residential Zoning Districts

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regards to inquiries regarding the installation of roof-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy systems within all Zoning Districts within the City of Red Lodge.

Solar energy systems and their related equipment that are designed to provide power for the individual building on the property in which they are located are allowed in all zoning districts as an accessory use, provided they meet specific criteria. Solar energy systems are subject to the same height and setback requirements as all structures. However, "large-scale solar energy systems" designed to sell power back to the utility rather than utilize it on the property in which it is generated are considered a major utility facility and are not allowed in residential neighborhoods. Large-scale solar energy systems are not allowed in residential districts and a conditional use permit may be required in commercial zoning districts.

If you live in a neighborhood that has a Homeowner's Association, refer to you HOA to ensure compliance with your HOA.

The required setbacks and height restrictions for your property can be found on the Community Development page on the City's website. A Zoning Map can be found on the last page of the Zoning Regulations. After you determine your zoning, you can find your setback and height requirements in Chapter 4.3 of the Zoning Regulations.

<http://cityofredlodge.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/FINAL-2016-ZONING-CODE.pdf>

If you need help determining your Zoning District, you may call the Community Development Department at 446-1606 to confirm your height and setback requirements.

Sincerely,

James Caniglia
Red Lodge Community Development Director

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