

I am a homeowner in Overland Park, KS. I am prohibited from putting solar panels on my house. I was told by my HOA that it is "not allowed" and when I asked why they gave me a roundabout answer indicating that it's in the by-laws. To which I asked why our by-laws haven't been updated in 24 years!?? and they further told me that it's not a priority.

I then spoke with someone on the board of a different HOA who shared the pain points they are experiencing in trying to update, even just amend, the by-laws.

I'm reaching out to you today, first and foremost because I should be allowed to go solar without my HOA dictating to me where I can get my power from. 2023 was the hottest year on record and my HOA is the sole reason I am contributing to climate change. This has got to change. Solar panels should be allowed in all instances. There is no other feasible argument that can surpass the need for clean energy. I don't know what this looks like for the HOAs, so I don't know what part you can play in the matter. knowing very little, I would suggest that the HOAs need to have an easier, not easy, just easier, way to update the by-laws. and or my right to obtain clean energy surpasses any HOA law (see case in MI where the youth won as we have a right to clean energy) so solar panels should not be in any by-laws.