

Topic:	Solar Energy
Resource Type:	Regulations
State:	Kansas
Jurisdiction Type:	Municipal
Municipality:	City of Iola
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Community Type – applicable to:	Urban; Suburban
Title:	City of Iola Solar Access Ordinance
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Abstract

This ordinance dictates subdivision lot alignment in order to facilitate the use of solar energy systems, and establishes a program for solar skyspace easements to protect access to solar energy. It uses land-use regulations, not for a specific land-preservation goal, but for energy conservation purposes.

Resource

Sec. 82-134. Solar access.

(a) In order to promote the conservation of energy throughout the use of both passive and active solar systems, streets in residential subdivisions should, where possible, have an east-west alignment. Lots intended for detached dwellings should be of sufficient width to allow the structure to be built with its longest axis running east-west.

(b) Any subdivider may grant or establish a solar skyspace easement to protect solar energy systems from being shaded. The easements shall be created in writing and shall be recorded separately or be written on the face of the plat. The easements shall run with the land.

(Ord. No. 3006, § 16-1731, 3-24-87)