

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT OF SOLAR PANELS ON ROOFS TO REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR SOLAR PANELS WHEN PROPOSED ON STREET FACING FACADES IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park ("**Village**") as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs except as limited by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule authority and Division 48.2 ("Preservation of Historical and Other Special Areas") of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-48.2-1 *et seq.*), the Village may designate and regulate historic landmarks and historic districts in the Village; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on June 26, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission directed staff to pursue amendments to the Historic Preservation Guidelines for solar panels installed on roofs; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the Village Board approve amendments to the Historic Preservation Guidelines' "Requirements for Roofing" with respect to solar panels at a Commission meeting on June 26, 2025, which is adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village and incorporated herein as though fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village have considered the Historic Preservation Commissions' recommendation and have determined that it is appropriate to adopt the amendments as provided in this Ordinance; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Historic Preservation Guidelines for Placement of Solar Panels on Roofs Amended. The "Requirements for Roofing" in the Historic Preservation Guidelines are amended as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Ordinance, with additions underlined and ~~deletions struck through~~.

Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2025, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Eder				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Leving Jacobson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this 9th day of September 2025.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk

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EXHIBIT A

**AMENDMENTS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION GUIDELINES
REQUIREMENTS FOR ROOFING**