

## **Exploring Solar Panels?**

### **Contact the Architectural Control Committee before you buy**

If you are thinking of adding solar panels to your unit you should reach out to the Architectural Control Committee at the contact below before signing on the bottom line.

#### **Why?**

While it is true that Arizona Revised Statute Section 33 -1816 (the Planned Communities Act) strictly prohibits planned communities from prohibiting the installation or use of a solar energy device, the law allows planned community associations like ours to adopt rules regarding the placement of these devices so long as these rules do not effectively prevent installation, impair the device's ability to function or adversely affect the cost of the device. The Pointe Homeowners Association has rules that apply to the placement of the panels so approval of your plans and installation of the panels will be expedited if you consult with the Committee first. You will also benefit from talking to the Committee because they know how other residents have installed panels in a way that both meets the homeowner's needs and complies with the rules. We all benefit from smart use of solar in a way that maintains the beauty of our planned community.

#### **What Qualifies As A "Solar Energy Device?"**

A.R.S. Section 44 -1761 defines "solar energy device," in part, as a system or series of mechanisms designed primarily to provide heating, cooling, or day lighting, to produce electrical or mechanical power, or to provide any combination of the foregoing by collecting and transferring solar generated energy into such uses either by active or passive means. Such systems may also have the capability of storing such energy for future utilization. Passive systems shall clearly be designed as a solar energy device.