



**MEMORANDUM  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE  
CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS**

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COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE**

**TO:** Mayor Joanne Yepsen  
Commissioner Anthony Scirocco  
Commissioner Chris Mathiesen  
Commissioner John Franck

**FROM:** Commissioner Michele Madigan

**DATE:** April 6, 2015

**RE:** Referral to Planning Board - Proposed Amendment to City Code Chapter 240 Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.4.8 Supplemental Regulations-Solar Access

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Commissioners:

Please see below for the language and request that I am seeking to send to the City Planning Board for an Advisory Opinion:

- **The current City Ordinance states the following:**

*Except as otherwise provided by this Chapter, no property owner may erect a structure or allow a tree or other flora to cast a shadow upon a solar collector greater than the shadow cast by a hypothetical wall six feet high located along the property line between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time from September 21 to March 21.*

- **Recommended revision:**

*Except for properties located in a Transect-6 Zoning District or as otherwise provided by this chapter, no property owner may erect a structure or allow a tree or other flora to cast a shadow upon a solar collector greater than the shadow cast by a hypothetical wall six feet high located along the property line between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time from September 21 to March 21.*

- **Additional guidance requested:**

In addition, I would appreciate any advice or guidance that the City Planning Board may provide regarding how this might otherwise be revised, for example, should other zoning districts be considered.

Thank you.