What Needs to be Included in a Quality Solar Ordinance

The ordinance's main objective is to protect the **Health**, **Safety** and **Welfare** of the community (because that is a state constitutional mandate).

— A Solar Ordinance's Key Regulations —

- A well-written **Property Value Guarantee**
- 1000 foot Setbacks from Project to Property Lines
- **Meaningful Environmental Tests**, (especially a continuous monitoring for toxic chemicals migrating from solar panels into the soil, streams, local aquifers, etc.)
- Appropriate **Decommissioning** Terms and Conditions
- An adequate **Escrow Account** to cover pertinent costs

There are studies by independent experts, as well as legal precedents, that support these regulations. See <u>WiseEnergy.org</u> —> Solar, for examples.