

November 21, 2020

To: Neighbor

Re: Light Trespass

Dear Neighbor,

The HOA in which you live is a designated dark night community and the CC&Rs prohibit light pollution. The purpose of this restriction is to protect community health by protecting the darkness resource that is fundamental to the health and proper functioning of nearly all biological systems.

The two outside lights on your property at the garage are left on all night and the direct rays of the light trespass beyond your property, in violation of the CC&Rs. This light pollution affects the plants and creatures that live on your neighbor's property and the light pollution enters their bedroom window, negatively affecting their health.



We have attempted to notify the HOA about this issue, but they decline to enforce the CC&Rs, specifically section 6.23. The HOA has directed your neighbor to solve this issue directly with their neighbors.

Section 6.23. Exterior Lighting Requirements.

(a) **Exterior Lighting On Lots.** No Owner shall remove, damage or disable any exterior light, regardless of where located, which is connected to the Association's electric service. All lights installed on the exterior of a Residence or on a Lot shall be adequately and properly shielded from other Residences and the streets, such that direct rays from the light source are directed downward and do not cross property lines. Owners may not install mercury vapor, metal halide or halogen type exterior lighting (except low voltage); incandescent, high pressure sodium or low-voltage lighting is preferred. In order to preserve the rural character of the area surrounding the development, security lighting installed on Lots shall be of the type triggered by movement, heat, sound or radio waves and shall not be illuminated for extended periods of time (i.e. dusk to dawn).

This is a courtesy letter to ask that you please ensure that the outdoor lights on your property are adequately and properly shielded and that the lights are not illuminated for extended periods of time.

Sincerely,



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