



## LIGHTING (DECORATIVE) GUIDELINES

### OBJECTIVE/GOAL:

To provide guidelines for homeowners who wish to or need to replace light fixtures on the exterior of their homes. In some communities, original styles of developer-installed light fixtures must be retained when replacement is necessary.

### GUIDELINE DETAILS:

- **Townhouses/Zero-lot line houses – similar curbside appearance**  
When townhouses or zero-lot line houses, with or without garages, are located close to the street and are similar in design, an orderly and unified curbside appearance becomes very important to retain. Replacement light fixtures on both the houses and the garages must remain similar to the original developer-installed light fixtures.  
**Black/brown cylinder fixtures:** Courts of Whetstone; Forest Brook in Stedwick; Dockside, Millrace, Center Stage and Grover's Forge in South Village.  
**Glass globe with black base:** Charlesgate in Eastgate, the Hamptons, and Walker's Choice in South Village.
- **Single family detached houses and townhouses/zero lot line houses - not with similar curbside appearance**
  - Replacement lights will be approved on an individual basis.
  - Decorative light fixtures installed on the house should be compatible in style and scale with the house design.
  - White light fixtures generally are not approved.
  - Lights that are characterized by intense brightness or unnatural colors are not acceptable.
  - Patio/walkway lights or lamp posts will be reviewed on an individual basis taking into consideration style and type, location, wattage, and any impact on adjoining neighbors.

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### APPLICATION CHECKLIST (items to include with your application):

- PIR (Property Improvement Request) form must be completed and signed by the owner.
- A catalog, photograph or drawing of the proposed light fixture.
- Information on the size and color of the fixture.
- Location of the fixture on the house and/or garage is being replaced.

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A light bulb with an energy star rating uses about 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and lasts at least 6 times longer.

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**Questions: Call Architectural Standards (301) 948-0110**

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