



## LIGHTING (SECURITY) GUIDELINES

### OBJECTIVE/GOAL:

To provide homeowners with guidelines for the installation of security lights on their house or garage

### GUIDELINE DETAILS:

- **Lights may not replace original decorative light fixtures or be located where in original decorative light fixture was installed.**
- No security light will be permitted to create an annoyance to adjacent homeowners; therefore, spotlights are always recommended to be installed under roof eaves and directed downwards. Complaints received at MVF concerning a security light installation will warrant investigation and possible relocation of the light fixture.
- Security light installations must be done in a workmanship-like manner with all wiring secured and concealed.
- Security lights may not be installed in the center of the house siding or brick but should be installed under roof eaves, at corners, or along trim boards to make the installation less visible.
- Spotlights or motion sensors installed on the **front of houses** will have more restrictive guidelines regarding location because they are visible from the street.
- On the rear and sides of the house, installations will generally be allowed provided the lights are installed in a workmanship-like manner and do not pose an annoyance to adjacent property owners.
- Mercury vapor, sodium vapor or similar security lights are examples of lighting that will not be approved.

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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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