



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

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SECURITY LIGHTS AND CAMERAS CRITERIA

The addition of security lights and cameras are a common modification being made to homes throughout Montgomery Village. These criteria will outline when an application is needed for a security camera and/or security light; where security lights and cameras may and may not be placed on homes; and other requirements regarding design and installation of security lights and cameras.

When Approval is Needed:

- The installation of any security light or camera on the front or side elevation of a home requires an application.
- The installation of a security light or camera on the rear elevation does not require an application if it is installed under a roof eave, on a fascia or rake board in a corner of the home, or underneath a recessed area such as underneath an elevated deck.
- The installation of a security light or camera anywhere else on the rear of the home, including replacing a decorative light fixture, requires an application.

Location and Other Requirements for Security Lights and Cameras

- Security lights and cameras will not be approved to replace decorative light fixtures on the front of any home in Montgomery Village. Homeowners may install decorative light fixtures that have motion sensors in these locations, and/or submit an application for a security light and/or camera in a different location on the front elevation of the home.
- Security lights and cameras will only be approved to replace decorative light fixtures on the rear of single-family homes and certain traditional style townhome communities that do not have a standard design on the rear elevation. Security lights and cameras will not be allowed to replace decorative light fixtures in contemporary or traditional style townhome communities with a standard design and/or a standard light fixture on the rear elevation. In these communities, homeowners can locate a security light or camera as outlined in this criterion, and/or install a decorative motion sensor-equipped light fixture that matches the style of the home/community.

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- The location of security lights and cameras will be reviewed on an individual basis taking into account the design of the home. The location of security lights and cameras will be more restrictive on the front elevation of homes given that they will be visible from the street.
- Security lights and cameras will not be approved in locations that interfere with design elements of the home, disrupting the home's aesthetics. Examples of locations that will not be approved include centered above front doors or garage doors, on the fronts of bay or boxed bay windows, on decks and fences, and centered on siding or brick.
- Security lights and cameras must be installed in locations that have the least impact on the aesthetic of the home, such as on trim boards, in the corners above front doors, under roof eaves, at the corners of houses, and underneath or on the sides of bay and boxed bay windows.
- Security lights and cameras must be designed for residential use to ensure their size and style are harmonious with a residential community.
- Security lights and cameras must be a color that blends well with the color of the surface on which they are being installed.
- For solar-powered security lights and cameras, the solar panel location must adhere to all of the above criteria. Additionally, the solar panel only, not the light or camera, may be installed on the house roof.
- All wiring for security lights and cameras must be secured and concealed and must adhere to the Village-Wide Wires and Cables Criteria.

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