

Ironwood Village Community Association

Lighting Guidelines

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The most important thing to remember is that lighting on your home should illuminate **ONLY** your property. It **CANNOT** illuminate neighboring homes or common areas. All lighting should be architecturally integrated into the home. Except for holiday lighting permitted by the Architectural Committee Rules and Design Guidelines, an Owner must obtain approval from the Architectural Committee prior to installing lighting in the front yard of a lot and lighting in the backyard of a lot that is visible from neighboring property or commons areas. The term “glare” as used in these Lighting Guidelines shall mean excessive brightness that causes visual discomfort as determined by the Architectural Committee.

Ironwood Village does not have streetlights and aims to be a “dark sky” community. Because of this, the Board of Directors requests that owners leave low-wattage front porch and driveway lights (as detailed in Exhibit A Lighting) on at night to ensure the safety and security of the neighborhood. If your home does not currently have driveway carriage lights, you may submit a request to have them added.

Homes with lights on during daylight hours are a potential target for theft and are not allowed.

In conjunction with the Zoning Ordinance, recommended light level guidelines and uniformity shall adhere to the [City of Scottsdale Lighting Guidelines](#).

Front Yard Lighting

To be considered for approval, proposed lighting must comply with the following conditions:

- Landscape lighting, e.g., lighting directed towards trees, bushes, etc., shall be low voltage. (See EXHIBIT A Lighting for Lumens)
- Exterior ground lights used for driveways and walkways shall be shielded and low voltage. (See EXHIBIT A Lighting for Lumens)

- All light fixtures shall be shielded and directed so as not to shine or cause a glare that is visible from neighboring property and common areas. Lighting shall be directed to view only the lot on which the lighting is located. All new front yard fixture lighting must not have exposed bulbs. (See EXHIBIT A Lighting for Lumens)
- No spotlights, floodlights, motion detectors, or other high-intensity lighting shall be placed or used in the front yard of a lot, which would allow light to be directed or reflected on any other lot or street.
- House lighting with landscape lighting is permitted, but its illumination must not exceed 15 feet, not higher than the fascia, and limited to four spots per front yard. (See EXHIBIT A Lighting for Lumens)
- The lighting of the American flag with only one ground-mounted landscape 600-lumen or lower-lumen spotlight is allowed.
- Down lighting mounted in trees or shrubs is allowed. The bulb must not be visible, wires must not be visible, and bulbs must be 500 lumens or less. Latern-style tree lights are not allowed.
- Except for holiday lighting permitted by the Architectural Committee Rules and Design Guidelines, the following lighting is prohibited: (1) colored light bulbs (See EXHIBIT A Lighting for approved Kelvin), and/or reflectors; and (2) lighting that blinks, twinkles, or lights up in a sequencing pattern. For Holiday Ornamental Lighting Display guidelines, see Section IV.P.

Backyard Lighting

There are many effective methods for backyard lighting that are indirect and visually appealing, producing almost no direct light spillover onto neighboring properties or common areas. Indirect lighting options should always be considered first for backyard illumination. An owner may install backyard lighting that is not visible from neighboring properties when turned on without prior approval from the Architectural Committee. However, an owner must obtain approval from the Architectural Committee before installing backyard lighting that is visible from neighboring properties when activated.

To be considered for approval, proposed lighting that will be visible from neighboring properties and common areas when activated must comply with the following conditions:

- All light fixtures shall not have exposed bulbs and shall be shielded and directed so as not to shine or cause a glare that is visible from neighboring property and

common areas. Lighting shall be directed to illuminate only the lot on which the lighting is located.

- No spotlights, floodlights, motion detectors, or other high-intensity lighting shall be placed or used in the backyard of the Lot, which would allow light to be directed or reflected onto neighboring property or common areas.
- Accent spotlights installed to illuminate landscaping and other Improvements must be ground-mounted and directed to the landscaping or other Improvement, so as not to create a glare that is visible from neighboring property or common areas.
- No lighting may be mounted to or wrapped on or viewing fences.
- Lighting affixed to a structure, such as a pergola or gazebo, must be attached to the underside of the structure so that the bulbs are not visible from neighboring properties or common areas.
- The lighting of the American flag with one ground-mounted 600-lumen or less landscape spotlight is allowed.
- Except for holiday lighting permitted by the Architectural Committee Rules and Design Guidelines, the following lighting is prohibited: (1) colored light bulbs (See EXHIBIT A Lighting for approved Kelvin), and/or reflectors; and (2) lighting that blinks, twinkles, or lights up in a sequencing pattern. For Holiday Ornamental Lighting Display guidelines, see Section IV.P.

Security Lighting

An owner must obtain approval from the Architectural Committee prior to installing security lighting that will be visible from neighboring property or common areas. Security lights attached to the exterior of a Dwelling Unit or other structure located on a Lot shall be limited to lighting that is controlled by a motion detector that is triggered by motion on the owner's lot and not by motion on neighboring properties or common areas. The motion detector shall be programmed to shut off the light(s) no later than five minutes after motion is detected and the light (s) have been illuminated. Lighting must be directed so as not to shine or cause a glare that is visible from neighboring property or common areas. Lighting must be directed to view only the lot on which the lighting is located.

String Lighting includes Bistro Lighting and LED Strips

An owner must obtain approval from the Architectural Committee prior to installing string lighting that will be visible from neighboring property and common areas when activated.

String lighting may be installed only in the backyard of a lot, except for holiday lighting. The installation of string lighting in the front yard of a Lot is prohibited. If approved, string lighting must be deactivated after 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and after 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

To be considered for approval, proposed string lighting must comply with the following conditions:

- The stringing of lights across a yard or pool is prohibited.
- String lights wrapped around trees are prohibited
- Lighting affixed to a patio, roof eaves, or other structure, such as a pergola, must be installed on the underside of the structure so the bulb is not viewable from neighboring property or common area.
- String lights must be mounted 10 feet away from neighboring properties or common areas.
- The draping of lights under a structure is prohibited. While the bulbs may be visible in the homeowner's property, best efforts must be made to hide or conceal wires and cords that will be visible from neighboring property or common areas.
- Except for holiday lighting permitted by Architectural Committee Rules and Design Guidelines, the following lighting is prohibited: (1) colored light bulbs, lenses, and/or reflectors; and (2) lighting that blinks, twinkles, or lights up in a sequencing pattern. For Holiday Ornamental Lighting Display guidelines, see Section IV.P.

Exhibit A Lighting

- Step and path lights must not exceed 200 lumens.
- Landscape spotlights not to exceed 600 lumens
- Front entry door light must not exceed 800 lumens
- Exterior garage light must not exceed 600 lumens
- The primary Kelvin range for all outdoor lighting is between 2000K and 3000 K (amber to soft white). The use of Cool, Brite, or Neutral light, or white lights with a blue tint or colors other than amber to soft white is prohibited.

Guide lumens to watts

Lumens	Incandescent Watts	Halogen Watts	High-efficiency LED Watts
200	25	18	3
500	40	25	6
600	50	35	7
800	60	45	9