

## Walden Neighborhood Association

### Exterior Holiday Lighting and Decorations Policy

**Effective Date:** 10/1/2026

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the display of holiday lighting (via temporary or permanent lights) and decorations to ensure they are respectful of our neighbor and safe for the Community.

**Please Note:** The installation of any permanent lighting is considered an Architecturally Controlled Improvement and subject to the review and approval of the Association.

Permanent holiday lighting consists of professionally installed, low-profile LED lighting systems mounted to the exterior of a residence and designed to support temporary holiday, seasonal, cultural, religious, patriotic, and special event displays. After approval through the Architecturally Controlled Improvement process, the lighting system may remain installed year-round provided it is substantially concealed when not illuminated and operated only in accordance with community-approved dates, times, brightness levels, and color restrictions.

#### I. Exterior Lighting Guidelines

- A. Exterior holiday lighting, via temporary or permanent lighting, and decorations may be displayed from **October 1st through January 15th**. Residents are encouraged to utilize lighting and decorations that are in line with the holiday calendar (i.e. Halloween lights should not be displayed in December).

Additionally, holidays that fall outside of this timeframe may have lighting displayed two weeks before the holiday until one week following the holiday. Please submit a request to the NACB for additional holidays outside October 1st and January 15th.

- B. Exterior holiday lights shall be turned off between **Midnight and 6:00am** the following day.
- C. Flashing, strobing, or rapidly changing/blinking lights are prohibited (this does not apply to 'twinkling' lights).

#### II. Lighting Safety

- A. Decorations and lighting must be placed only on the homeowner's private property (front yard, porch, home exterior).
- B. Decorations must not obstruct sidewalks, driveways, or roadways.

### III. Other Holiday Decorations

- A. Musical/Noise generating or motion-activated decorations must not cause noise disturbances in compliance with Silver Spring Township noise ordinance, which **prevents disruptive noise from 10pm - 6am.**

### IV. Enforcement

- A. Homeowners found in violation of this policy will receive a written notice and must resolve the violation within **7 days**. During this 7 day window, illumination must stop immediately until a fix is implemented. For instances where 7 days is not sufficient, please notify CAMCO/WNA with an estimated timeline and plan for resolution.
- B. Continued or repeated violations may result in fines or other actions as permitted by the WNA's governing documents.