



Policy 500 | Addendum 2.19 Exterior Lighting

2/7/22 to 3/8/22

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| 3/8/2022 | I would like to ask that the timeline for removing exterior holiday lighting be extended beyond March 1st each year. For those of us that install our own exterior holiday lighting it isn't always safe or possible to remove the lights by that timeline. Mid-March or month end would allow for more flexibility due to weather, work schedules, travel schedules and physical safety. I totally support the proposed schedule for exterior holiday lights being illuminated. |
| 3/7/2022 | We support the addendum for exterior lighting. Even with the reminders that we are a dark sky community, perhaps more can be done to educate or further clarify what that means. For hard wired exterior lights and solar patio lights, which stay lit until early morning. Also, not sure why someone needs exterior lights on the front and back, plus the down lights on the front porch on nightly. Perhaps newcomers are afraid of a new place, or just not cognizant of a dark sky community HS is. Thank you HOA for addressing the lighting concerns and issues for the benefit of all residents. |
| 3/3/2022 | You have our support in considering an amendment to the HS Exterior Lighting policy to include holiday lighting. We enjoy holiday lighting but are also advocates to preserve the dark sky in the valley. There should be some reasonable holiday lighting guidelines during the Christmas season and perhaps Halloween. We've also noticed a new trend in outdoor string lights which are increasingly become popular on patio pergolas. A reasonable suggestion might be to limit holiday lighting to +/- days before and after the holiday and perhaps to turn them off before bedtime. On a return airport drop-off for family this morning, I came into HS at 6am while it was dark and I was happy with the efforts our low impact lighting has here. I only saw one home with holiday lighting still accentuating the gables and roof-line. Cartwright Ranch was displaying bright string lights surrounding its pool fence. The light which is high on a post above our Barn is quite noticeable especially from my home. We can recall very clearly how the Milky Way used to be very prominent here. Looking south now, Boise lighting increasingly washes out the darkness. The additional homes here in our valley has certainly had an impact. For certain, the Milky Way is no longer exceptionally visible as it once was. Our observation is not casual. As an observational astronomy enthusiast since my teens, I know this to be true. |
| 3/1/2022 | I am in favor of the addendum re exterior lighting to preserve our neighborhood's dark sky character. In addition, it seems that increased communication about these rules in general is in order to increase awareness. Many have bright non-holiday regular porch and yard lights that are continuously on. Thank you. |
| 2/27/2022 | I agree with the Addendum other than the time periods for the extra holidays. There is no reason to have exterior lights on for a week after Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fourth of July and Halloween. 24-48 hours is plenty! We all know there are some defiant home owners who use the lighting to aggravate everyone else. What's next? The rest of the Holidays? Too bad the HOA can't instill fines for blatant acts. |

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| 2/27/2022 | We would like to voice our support. We are personally affected by residents keeping their lights on continuously. This dark sky ordinance is one of the reasons why we enjoy our neighborhood so much. |
| 2/21/2022 | I would like to see the addendum added for the holiday lighting. I am happy to have a short period of holiday decorations with an enforced begin and end date. Year round holiday lights don't make sense. |