

Homeowners,

As you know from a previous email, there have been concerns about recent holiday light installations that are permanently affixed to the home and that offer a wide variety of colors, styles and patterns of lighting. We have consulted with a lawyer and an architect about whether we can or should prohibit such installations. We have had extensive discussion with the homeowners involved and have reviewed how other subdivisions are reacting to this new product. After considering all this, we have decided to approve the two installations that are now in place, subject to regulation of the times and manner of using this lighting. The Board adopted the following rule to provide that regulation. Please note that the rule applies to all lighting, whether permanent or not. Installation of permanent outdoor lighting will still require approval of the Architectural Control Committee to ensure that the outward appearance is acceptable as viewed from the street. The placement of the lights could still cause a concern if they are dangling or exposed or are otherwise aesthetically objectionable when they are not illuminated. But assuming that is not the case, they will probably be approved, subject to this rule. The two homeowners who have installed these products have been using them in a responsible manner and in a way that is consistent with this rule.

If anyone has concerns about the new rule, please let us know. We could include this on the agenda for the next annual homeowners meeting. We have now set March 28 as the date for that meeting, so please put that on your calendar.

The Shores Board of Directors

**The Shores Homeowners Association  
Rule on Exterior Lighting**

Consistent with the Architectural Control Standards, which emphasize harmonious development and aesthetically complementary appearances, the following standards are adopted for exterior lighting, in addition to those included in section V (2) of the Standards:

1. In general, lighting should be designed to prevent any direct lighting impact on neighbors and should be of an illumination not significantly brighter than other homes in the neighborhood. Only white lights shall be installed or used for general outdoor lighting purposes.
2. For holiday lighting, permanent holiday lights will be allowed subject to approval of specific design and plan of operation by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). The ACC shall be guided in that decision by the following standards that shall apply to all holiday lighting, including temporary lighting:

- a. Holiday lighting may include colored lights which shall be subject to the same requirements noted in item 1 above.
- b. Holiday lighting using colored lights shall be limited to holiday periods, as follows:

November 1 to January 15.

- i. Valentine's Day
- ii. St. Patrick's Day
- iii. Memorial Day
- iv. Fourth of July
- v. Halloween, from October 15 to Nov. 1

Except as specified above in items (i) and (vi), the days allowed for colored lighting shall include two days before the holiday and one day afterward.

- c. Holiday lighting using colored lights shall not be operated at late hours and the illumination shall not be significantly brighter than other homes in the neighborhood. Flashing, blinking, or "chasing" light installations are discouraged, and the ACC may require the homeowner to cease using these features if one or more neighbors complains and the ACC determines that the feature is not appropriate. The complete illumination of an exterior wall with a "wash" feature of colored lights is not allowed.