

SHINING A SHIELDED LIGHT ON THE VILLAGE OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE

As you take a walk in the village during the evening do you notice that the glare from house lights seem dimmer to you? Do the stars look brighter? If so, your neighbors may have changed or modified their exterior lights in accordance with the provisions of our Village Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

Using shielded light fixtures, installing them properly to avoid glare and limiting the amount of light wattage are all part to the ordinance's provisions. These measures contribute to better nighttime visibility, security, elimination of "light trespass" and energy conservation.

The entire ordinance is available on the Village website: www.shorewood-hills.org; click on Village Ordinances, Chapter 22. A printed brochure explaining the basic provisions of the ordinance and suggestions for compliance is available at the Village Hall. Or you can find "Dark Sky" information and a printable version of the brochure on the Village website at: www.shorewood-hills.org/dark_sky/dark_sky.htm.

All residential and commercial property owners will need to comply with the ordinance regulations by January 2009.

A Lighting Forum and Fair which will include samples of compliant exterior light fixtures and methods for adapting current light fixtures is being planned for next spring. Details will be in a future Bulletin newsletter article.

In the meantime as we approach the holiday season, please be aware that the ordinance includes a 10:00 pm nightly curfew on ornamental / holiday lights.

We hope you will take a few minutes to read through the informational brochure or the ordinance and consider what changes might be needed to your property. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the members of the Village Dark Sky Committee listed below.

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