

Understanding Dark Sky Exterior Lighting Codes

I am sometimes amazed by the positive feedback I get when we can assist in something resonating with a Glenshire owner. In this case I'm speaking of the somewhat difficult to understand issue of "Dark Sky Exterior Lighting". When owners do get it, it is like the light clicks on! Often after someone changes out their light fixtures to become dark sky compliant, they thank the association because they never realized that there were any issues with their old fixtures until they were wowed by how much nicer their property looks and safer it feels with the appropriate fixtures.

Dark Sky Lighting is a code within the Town and our Association. I have to admit that reading the Association CC&R's or Town code can be difficult and full of legalize. Therefore we have set up a display area of appropriate lighting fixtures at the Glenshire Clubhouse office for your viewing, along with a list of retailers that carry some of these fixtures. To further help with the understanding of "Dark Sky Lighting" we have broken down the legalize codes to easy to understand built points:

- If you can see a direct exterior light source (bulb or light through glass fixture) from outside your property it needs to be covered (shielded).
- All non-essential exterior lighting shall be turned off when not in use. Lights on timers are encouraged and lights on sensors are encouraged.
- Bright, glaring and direct lighting creates safety issues, blinding you and creating shadows for criminals to hide in.
- Lighting that lights the ground make it safer to walk by illuminating possible trip hazards. Bright direct lights blind you to possible dangerous conditions.
- Many studies have shown that bright lights are harmful to wildlife, effecting feeding, mating and more.
- Dark skies are one of the reasons most of us live in the mountains and not in the city (Los Vegas is a place better to visit).
- Proper lighting increases property values.

You can help improve Glenshire's safety, property values, mountain and wildlife environment by replacing light fixtures if needed and joining our Dark Sky Lighting committee. Please feel free to contact the GDRA offices with any questions. (530)587.6202.

Help us keep Glenshire Devonshire a Dark Sky Region,
Dan Warren, GM



