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Subject: Fwd: External: Outdoor Lighting
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Please include this memo on granicus with the ordinance.

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Subject: Re: External: Outdoor Lighting

Good morning Alder McMeans

Please see the email below. As your committee is reviewing the newly created lighting ordinance, I received this email and thought the committee would be interested in the information as they deliberate on potential alterations to the ordinance.

Thank you,

Eric J. Sitkiewitz

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On Apr 7, 2021, at 11:56 PM, richard kunz <richardkunz@att.net> wrote:

Hi: When I seen that the common council passed an ordinance governing outdoor lighting it was satisfying.

Now on to why it was satisfying.
About three years ago Hanna home on Delta street had security lights installed front and back of that home.

They installed at least an 80 watt high pressure sodium Clear Lense light on the front and back of the Hanna Home.

That light was like looking at two high beam head lights per the police Officer that came down here to witness the light. And the property over across the street looked like day light.

At the time the officer said there was not an ordinance governing light's We talked to Lisa at building inspection and was told the same thing.

It was lite up over here (across the road) like day light.

It is one thing to be lite up, but what is really offensive is when you sit in the chair of your home and out the window is a bright light BULB SHOWING in your view of site.

Finally after a year of this I told Hanna Home that if the light stayed up (at this time it was blinking on and off) I would go on the internet and every site for them would have a bad review.

The light got changed but still was annoying.

It is called light pollution, and todays lights are alot whiter and brighter than the old style lights

Just look at the new car head lights compared to the old style and it is the same with out door lighting.

The people putting these light up usually have them installed on the wall of the structure facing out.

Guess what? the installed residence looks out their window and all is lite up, great for them.

The person across from the light gets to look at the face of the bulb which is very bright and offensive.

This is where the problem comes in.

If a light is installed on the face of a building it has to have a shield in front of the bulb not to be offensive to neighbors..

Example, look at apartment's across from Weyehauser on Dewey street and see how their lights are shielded and the property is still lite up but not shining out ward.

Come down here to the Hanna Home at night and look at how bright the light is shining on the back parking lot. This light now is an Led the way it looks and it replaced the High Pressure Sodium light that was first installed as that light finally failed

The neighbor South West of the light does not like it.

In this case the light should be up on a pole, shining down or at the far end of the parking lot with a light installed shining back at the Hanna Home.

Another one is the new building put up East of Cenex on Conroe. Security light (bright white) installed above the front over head door shining out across the street.

Cenex has the right lights, not shining out at the neighbors

Just drive around at night and start looking at places that have the lights not shining out at the neighbors but shining down or up to lite up their property. They also have the parking lot lite up with lights on poles shining down.

In closing, as lights have gotten a Lot Brighter and more people are leaving lights on we need an ordinance that protects the people that have to look at that light. Again seeing the property lite up is not the problem but seeing the bulb it self is where the problem comes in.

It is time to stop light pollution and protect the people who live across from the light polluters.

Pass on to who ever has control over this problem

Thanks Richard Kunz

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