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From: J Seidl <jsjseidl@gmail.com>
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March 16, 2021
Alderman Scott McMeans:

We have addressed this e mail to you rather than each individual committee member since you are the Chair of the Public Safety Committee. You can address this to all the members.

We are not against this ordinance; we know what you are trying to accomplish here but we think some rewording of the ordinance is in order.

We first heard about this ordinance on the WOMT news where they stated the council had complaints from the police department about surveillance cameras could not be viewed because neighbor's yard lights were glaring into the camera and obliterating the image(s).

Our concern is this:

A property owner should be able to properly aim and reasonably light his property during the night time hours to deter any activity without having to cease and desist because a neighbor has a camera.

We don't think the ordinance addresses the use of lights in support of various causes. We keep a line of blue rope lights in a tree in support of law enforcement and health care workers. Yes, they were up during the Christmas season, and they are on 24/7, so technically we are in violation, but that is not addressed in the ordinance.

We know that you will not be able to determine specific lighting and aiming requirements; if there is a violation, some discretion will have to be used as to what is reasonable for the particular property in question. In other words Common Sense.

We're glad to see that this ordinance is being given a second look.
Contact us if you have any questions. 920.682.8573

Thanks for your time.

Jeff and Margaret Seidl

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