

Approved language to add to the ARC Guidelines regarding Security Cameras

SECURITY CAMERAS

General Considerations

Residents should notify their neighbors before installing security cameras on the outside of their dwellings to prevent privacy concerns. The cameras should be positioned to provide security to the resident's home while respecting their neighbors' rights to a "reasonable expectation of privacy."

Neighbors that feel an installed or pending installed security camera violates their "reasonable expectation of privacy" should first try to resolve the issue between themselves. If a resolution cannot be reached, the affected parties should submit a complaint to the ARC and the DCA Board of Directors for review.

Specifications

Approved security camera types include wireless doorbell-style cameras, WiFi-enabled, and hardwired cameras. Wireless doorbell-style cameras mounted at the front and/or rear entrances to the house are permitted. Cameras must be a neutral color (black/white/tan) that complement the surface that they are being mounted against. If installing a hardwired system, wires should not be visible. The camera(s) must be mounted to the resident's primary dwelling or outbuilding, such as a shed. Mounting of security alarms or sirens on the exterior of the resident's home is prohibited.

Application

An application is not required to install an exterior security camera or camera system.

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