

Hi all,

Happy New Year, hope you all had a chance to enjoy some time off, enjoy the family and get some deserved relaxation over the holidays.

As we start the new year, the HOA board is committing to continue to serve you as home owners by reviewing our CC&Rs and enforcing them, while keeping our community friendly and desirable. We will work hard to ensure we are looking at all concerns, and we'll be walking the community regularly to inspect, but bear with us as this is a second job for us and it might take us longer than you expect to get to your personal concerns.

Let us kick off January with two time relevant topics:

- 1) Holiday decorations – It was great to see the community lit up with holiday lights and decorations the past month, but soon is the time for cleanup. Per the community By Laws, “Any decorations for holidays must be removed within 4 weeks of that Holiday”. Please note this states “Removed” not just turned off. If we consider New Year was the last holiday of the season that give each home until end of January to remove and store away their holiday decorations.
- 2) Parking – we chatted about this in previous emails, but I bring up again as we have learned more on the topic from the City Police & Mail Delivery. Our By Laws dictate that (Article VIII section 13) “Section 13. Vehicles. No boats, boat trailers, house trailers, automobiles, trucks, campers, motor homes, or other vehicles, or any part thereof, not in actual current use shall be stored or permitted to remain on any Lot unless the same is stored or placed in a garage or other fully enclosed space, or is entirely screened so as not to be visible from any streets and abutting Lots.”

On top of that, the city states that:

- It is illegal to park in front of mailboxes. It is now banned from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- An around-the-clock ban on parking in front of collective mailboxes that serve five or more residences. Councilmembers said they hoped that the new regulations would serve mail carriers as well as residents who want to briefly pull up in their vehicles to collect their mail.
- A ban on parking in bike lanes anywhere in the city

Upon further clarification, we found out that parking within 5' of a driveway is considered blocking, and parking within 15' of the collective mailboxes is considered blocking.

For all City rules above, you as home owners can call the police and report violators

Please help us with the above two topic, by first adhering to the rules and second reporting violators.

As always, I strongly encourage each of you to get familiar with the CC&Rs & ByLaws on our community web site and provide us with any and all feedback. If any of you are interested in rewriting some of the text please let us know as we need volunteers to clarify and refresh them. Here are links to the documents for your convenience.

<http://www.sterlingwoodhomeowners.com/docs/Architectural%20changes.pdf>

<http://www.sterlingwoodhomeowners.com/ccandr.html>

<http://www.sterlingwoodhomeowners.com/bylaws1.html>

<http://www.sterlingwoodhomeowners.com/articles.html>

Thank you
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