

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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Steven Elovich 5 Colony Road Unionville, CT 06085

## Request for Formal Interpretation of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code

Dear Steven Elovich,

You have requested a formal interpretation related to exterior lighting for residential homes pertaining to the 2015 International Residential Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code. I have summarized your request for a written interpretation of all sections related to light trespass codes that would apply to residential outdoor lighting in Connecticut to the following:

## **Question #1:**

Can a neighboring residential property have exterior lights on for multiple days continuously within fifteen (15) feet from the property line facing another property with light trespassing onto neighboring property?

## Answer #1:

The 2015 International Residential Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code addresses that 75% of all permanently installed lighting be high-efficacy lamps. The 2018 CSBC did not address lighting controls nor does it require single-family or two-family homes to comply with the International Energy Conservation Code.

Sincerely,

Omarys Vasquez, AIA NOMA

State Building Inspector

C: Christopher LeFrance, Farmington Building Official