

How to report Light Pollution in your area.

County, and City Zoning Enforcement staff handles complaints about outdoor lighting.

Usually the process of enforcement of lighting codes is complaint driven; none of the jurisdictions will enforce the Light Pollution Code without a complaint. If, after a reasonable time has elapsed after filing a complaint you have not gotten a response, please contact Keep Sedona Beautiful. We can help you file your complaint.

Coconino County:

This can be done **Online:** <http://www.coconino.az.gov/Contact.asp>
At the website, choose Community Development Department to send it to. Send complaints only for properties in Coconino County, but outside the Sedona city limits – in other words, in Oak Creek Canyon north of Midgley Bridge. The County does not regulate outdoor lighting inside the City of Sedona. This information is from Fran Regan, Zoning Inspector With Coconino County's Department of Community Development. He can be reached at 928-226-2700, 800-559-9289.

Yavapai County:

Section 603 of the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Light Pollution Control contains the applicable provisions:

In Person: Go to Cottonwood County Offices (or Prescott), 10 S. 6th St., (near Mingus) Cottonwood, AZ 86326. 928-639-8151. Find Dept of Development Services Counter on first floor and ask for **Complaint Form: Land Use.**

Complete the form and file with the county (Ask for their help and you may obtain parcel number from folks at Development Services as long as you have address and location.)

Online: Go to www.co.yavapai.az.us, select Departments, select Development Services, select Applications/Forms/Instructions, and select Complaint Form-Land Use. Complete and file with Development

services in Cottonwood-see above. You will be most successful if you cite a specific provision from an applicable Ordinance. Ordinances are available at the same (County) website, or contact KSB for specific lighting reference assistance.

The Village of Oak Creek:

The Village of Oak Creek is an unincorporated area of Yavapai County and, therefore, under their jurisdiction. There is an approach that has proved useful, especially in VOCA - a Homeowner's Association, enforcing a provision against a nuisance.

VOCA takes the lighting issue seriously and, although they take forever, can be effective. VOCA has an enforcement office at the golf course building on Bell Rock Blvd. (the complainant must live in VOCA)

Another method is to have your HOA contact the Big Park Community Council, an association of all the HOA's in Big Park, actually the Village, and it will try to obtain enforcement. Because it is so large and represents a huge constituency, they have clout, but no legal authority. Their contact for P & Z matters is Zona Fink, 284-0418.

City of Sedona-

Online:

In Person: The quickest way to file a complaint alleging a violation of the Dark Skies Ordinance in Sedona is to get the exact location of the property (subdivision, unit, lot number, street number and, if possible the tax code number), and visit Developmental Services desk at City Hall Complex, request form, complete it, get a copy, file it and follow-up as necessary with City. They will be glad to help.