Walton County
Wildlife Lighting Regulations

NO EXTERNAL LIGHT SOURCE FROM ANY PART OF YOUR PROPERTY SHALL BE VISIBLE TO A PERSON STANDING ON ANY PART OF THE BEACH.
This includes recreational, decorative, dune crosswalk and uplighting, regardless of color.

NO EXTERNAL LIGHT FROM ANY PART OF YOUR PROPERTY SHALL ILLUMINATE ANY PART OF THE BEACH, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.
This includes light reflected off an object (buildings or trees) that is visible from the beach.

To achieve compliance, lights must be ***shielded*** (so the light cannot be visible from the beach), ***redirected*** (to direct the light away from the beach), ***replaced*** (one with a light source not visible from the beach), or turned off (unnecessary lights).

To determine if your property is compliant, you must conduct your own inspection AT NIGHT:

- First, have someone walk down on the beach, preferably on a night with no visible moon. Determine if any part of the beach is illuminated from any lights from your property.
- Second, from directly behind your property, walk towards the water, constantly observing if any light sources, from any part of your property, are visible from any portion of the beach.
- Third, conducting the same procedure above, walk along the water line, constantly observing if any light sources from any part of your property are visible from any portion of the beach.

Responsibility for compliance rests with the property owner, property manager and occupant.

<u>Remember:</u>
Keep it Shielded
Keep it Long
Keep it Low

The above is a basic description of the Wildlife Lighting Ordinance. For a complete legal description of the ordinance and lighting standards, as well as other informational materials, visit www.co.walton.fl.us > Departments > Environmental Resources > Wildlife Lighting – Sea Turtles.
For questions or additional information about the Wildlife Lighting Ordinance, call
Walton County Code Enforcement (850) 622-0000 or Environmental Department (850) 892-8108.

Helpful Websites:
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission:
http://myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/lighting
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: www.fws.gov