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Dear Property Management:

Sea turtle season is officially upon us in the Village of Key Biscayne and our Code Enforcement Division asks for your cooperation and assistance towards the protection of threatened and endangered sea turtles on our beaches. As you may be aware, coastal lighting violations have the potential to adversely impact adult nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings, causing them to crawl toward land rather than toward the ocean.

The Village is contacting all beachfront owners to enlist their support in addressing lighting issues on their respective properties. Please work with us by taking the necessary measures to come into compliance with our Village ordinance, no. 2009-6 entitled "Lighting Regulations for Marine Turtle Protection."

Our Code Enforcement Division is here to assist you. Your contact for any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter is Code Enforcement Officer, Teal Kawana at 305-365-8917 or tkawana@keybiscayne.fl.gov. With your help we are hoping to build significant progress in sea turtle nesting and hatching by reducing light glare onto our beaches. Thank you in advance for your cooperation towards the protection of sea turtles.

Some suggestions for reducing oceanfront light pollution:

- 1. Close all curtains or blinds and turn off any balcony lighting by 9:00 pm each night.**
- 2. Turn out the lights in your rooms when not in use, reduce interior lighting with tinting or blackout curtains and move lights away from oceanfront windows.**
- 3. No flashlights, flash photography or cell phone lights should be on the beach at night and should never be pointed at a sea turtle or a nest.**
- 4. Bonfires are prohibited.**
- 5. Any special events on the beach must be approved by the Village and reviewed by code enforcement to ensure compliance with the sea turtle lighting regulations.**
- 6. Do not disturb sea turtles, nests or turtle eggs on our beach.**

Sincerely,

Teal Kawana
Oceanfront Lighting and Marine Turtle Code Enforcement Officer