



**Home Security
Cameras –
City Registration &
SCLH Requirements**

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Neighborhood Watch

Safety and Security in Sun City Lincoln Hills

- Lincoln is one of the safest cities in the nation.
- Lincoln's crime rate is 59% lower than the national average.
- According to Lincoln Police Department Chief Lee
 - Lincoln remains a VERY safe place to live and we are grateful for the assistance we receive from the community that helps us keep it that way.



How do security cameras aid in crime prevention in our community?

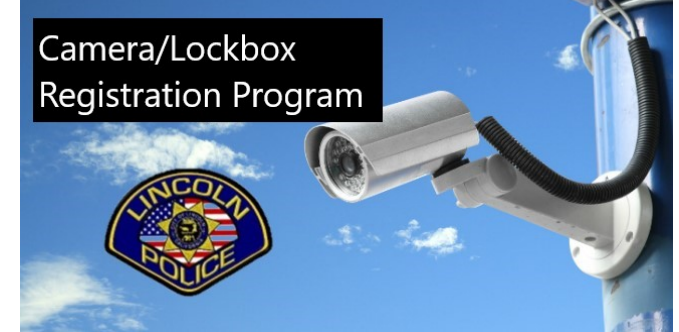
- **Criminal Networking**

Burglars and other criminals have their own information networks, including county jails and prisons, where discussions occur concerning good target areas. A program like ours acts as a deterrence since burglars would rather select a neighborhood without a camera program.



CAMERA REGISTRATION WITH THE CITY OF LINCOLN

- Registration is voluntary.
- No cost associated with registration.
- Information is kept confidential.
- Only residents have access to their camera recordings.
- Police only use the registrations to locate cameras in a neighborhood where a crime is reported. No one can access to your camera or your recordings.



Go to www.lincolncity.gov/city-hall/departments-divisions/camera-registration

Register Your Cameras Now

Recently announced on Lincoln PD [Facebook Webpage](#), [Instagram Webpage](#) and, [Lincoln PD Webpage](#)

Lockbox

- Residents often install lock boxes on their property that contain a key to their home. The key is for public safety use in the event of an emergency. Having a key available for public safety emergency use expedites access into the residence will minimize damage to the property.

Terms of Use: All registrants agree to the following terms and conditions:

- Your participation in this program is voluntary and you can discontinue your participation at any time by emailing us at registry@lincolnca.gov.

Information pertaining to your lockbox, contents, and combination are private. The Lincoln Police Department will not share or disclose this information unless required by law.

Entry into a residence by public safety personnel shall only occur when lawful circumstances exist (e.g. emergency or exigent circumstances). Registering with this program does not imply consent for entry.

SCLH Security Camera Requirements

- To place a Security Camera on the front of your house you must do the following:
 - Complete an ARC Application [Checklist 6](#) found at schresidents.org Library/Forms/Community Standards/ARC Forms/ARC Forms and Applications.
 - Obtain a City of Lincoln permit, if required. ARC will tell you when your application is approved.
 - Register your camera at the City of Lincoln Camera Registration (Optional)

Sun City Lincoln Hill ARC Application Checklist

Cameras/Video Surveillance Checklist 06

Video cameras are permitted on all homes to provide surveillance monitoring and must meet the following requirements.

This Checklist is for GUIDANCE ONLY, please refer to the CC&Rs and the Design Guidelines for all other specific requirements relating to your project.

OWNER CHECKBOXES (Must be filled in or noted N/A) **ARC CHECKBOXES**

Brief Project Description _____

Required Documents

- Drawing showing the location of all cameras (new and existing).
- Photo brochure of style, color and dimensions of camera and/or carriage style fixture.

The video coverage of all cameras installed could extend into the public sidewalk and street but cannot focus on any neighboring properties.

Doorbells with cameras do not require ARC approval but must follow the same video requirements

A maximum of eight, (8), video cameras may be installed on the property.

Motion activated light/camera assemblies can be used to replace existing exterior lights found on garages or sides of house. Cameras/Lights on either side of garage will be carriage type, which complements the community. Light cannot focus on or interfere with neighboring properties or street.

All wiring must be concealed or installed in a conduit.

All mounting hardware and conduit must be painted to match the color of the adjacent surface.

Cameras cannot be attached to the house's architectural features.

City of Lincoln permit may be required.

This checklist must be completed and signed by the Owner along with the Architectural Review Committee, (ARC) Application Form

Homeowner Use
Planned Completion Date:
Name:
Address:
Signature:

ARC Use Only
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED _____
<input type="checkbox"/> INCOMPLETE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED _____
Date: _____

SCLH Camera-Surveillance Guidelines

- The video coverage of all cameras installed could extend into the public sidewalk and street but cannot focus on any neighboring properties.
- Doorbells with cameras do not require ARC approval but must follow the same video requirements.
- A maximum of eight, (8), video cameras may be installed on the property.
- Cameras operated with solar are permitted, however, solar panel must be installed in the least visible location from the street and cannot attach to architectural features.
- Motion activated light/camera assemblies can be used to replace existing exterior lights found on garages or sides of house. Light cannot focus on or interfere with neighboring properties or street.

SCLH Camera-Surveillance Guidelines

- A photo brochure of style, color and dimensions of camera and/or carriage style fixture must be submitted with application.
- Wiring must be concealed or installed in a conduit.
- Mounting hardware and conduit must be painted to match the color of the adjacent surface.
- Cameras **cannot** be attached to the house's architectural features.



PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA OPTIONS



Video Security Cameras

- Home security cameras are DIY devices
- Self monitored
- No security company connections
- Relatively affordable





Video Doorbells

- These doorbells are motion activated and will allow you to see the person that is at your door. It is capable of recording a video of the subject and you are able to have a two-way conversation with the person at your door using your cell phone. Ring and Google Nest are popular brands and they can be purchased through Amazon or other on-line or home improvements stores. *ARC approval is not required for video doorbells.*
- Cost: Starting at \$100.00



Video Doorbells

- **Pros:** They use doorbell wiring for power or some are battery powered. You can answer your doorbell even when you're not home.
- **Cons:** They won't work with an existing wireless doorbell chime. Their connection to your WiFi may be affected by being outside the thick walls of your home. Cloud storage fees can be high. Some smart features require paying a monthly fee.

SECURITY CAMERAS



These cameras can record the area around the outside and inside of your home and will allow you to see the live views from your smart phone or laptop. They are capable of HD quality and have great lowlight performance which makes for crystal clear video. These camera systems provide many options from a one camera system to having multiple cameras covering the perimeter of your home. These security cameras can be purchased through Amazon or other on-line or home improvements stores, or through companies that will provide complete installation of the systems. Please refer to Association's Design Guidelines 21 on use and placement of cameras. *ARC approval is required.*

Cost: Starting at approximately \$180.00 to many thousands of dollars

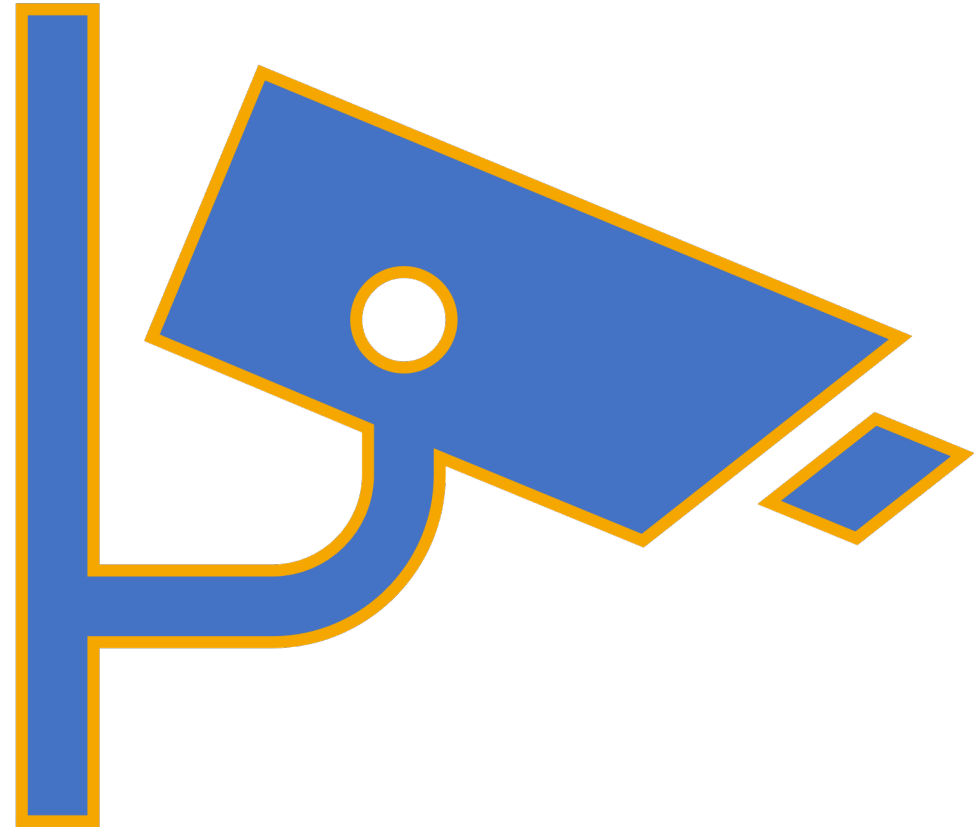


Video Cameras

- **Pros:** They can be placed just about anywhere inside your home. Weatherproof models can be placed outdoors. You can check on your home and receive smartphone alerts from anywhere with cell service or WiFi.
- **Cons:** Cloud storage fees. Some smart features require paying a monthly fee. Must have a good WiFi signal where the camera is mounted.



How to Choose a Home Security Camera



Choose Your Camera Type

- Where you want to place it?
 - Inside your home - there are many home security camera options.
 - Outside your home - wireless, a video doorbell or a wired.
- Monitoring a front door - consider a video doorbell powered through doorbell wiring or battery power.
- Monitoring another area of your property – use a wireless security camera.
 - If you install a camera outside of your home, have a good WiFi signal at that location.

Pick Your Power Source

- Battery-powered wireless security cameras and video doorbells offer the most flexibility in terms of placement in and around your home.
- Depending on the camera and how heavily it's used, you'll need to recharge it anywhere from weekly to once every few months to once or twice a year, some now have a two year battery.
- Hardwired cameras and doorbells neatly sidestep the recharging problem but may limit your placement options, unless you're willing to run an extension cord or hire an electrician.
- Keep in mind that the power source you use could limit the number of models you can choose from. This is especially true of video doorbells because there aren't many battery-powered models on the market.

Compare Cloud Storage Plans

- Check how much free cloud storage the camera comes with and how much additional storage costs.
- Most manufacturers opt for cloud storage – where the footage is remotely stored on a server – instead of memory cards because the video files are large. Without cloud storage, if you miss an alert for a potential intruder, you'll have no idea whether someone tried to break in.
- Many of these cameras also won't let you download clips to send to authorities unless you pay up. The amount of free online storage and cost of storage plans can vary drastically by manufacturer.
 - Examples: - check with manufacturers
 - Netgear's Arlo cameras
 - Ring video doorbells offer no free
 - Nest, which offers only continuous video storage
 - Zmodo gives you both clips and continuous video in its storage plans.

Consider Your Privacy

- Cameras provide peace of mind, it's worth remembering that to do that they provide a view into your home and connect to the internet. If you can watch your home from your phone, it may be possible for someone else to take a peek, too.
- Set up unique username and difficult-to-guess password when setting up your system.
- These security concerns don't mean you shouldn't buy a home security camera, but if privacy is something you're worried about, you may want to keep these devices out of bedrooms.



Questions?

- If you have questions about the information provided, contact Neighborhood Watch at executivedirector@sclhwatch.org.