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Residents,

Today I received complaints from neighbors who witnessed a hog and a deer, hanging from a tree, visible to all who passed, being dressed out on the front lawn, not 30 ft. from the street. I realize that licensed hunters have the right to skin and clean their kill. I would hope that those who hunt would have respect for those who don't and don't want to see how those animals are dressed out, especially when it could be done in the privacy of a back yard or if the hunter knows how to field dress the animal. Not everyone enjoys seeing the process. In fact, some people have asked me to call the sheriff's office, which I did. It was explained that as long as the hunter has a valid license, that hunter has the right to clean the meat unless covenants restrict that. We have no covenants.

What is important is the remains of those animals should not be left to rot. Blood and tissues should be collected and disposed of in a sanitary fashion to avoid scavengers' trying to get a meal.

This is just one other reason to push for covenants, not rules to govern people's rights, but to allow those residents who want to live peaceably without having to complain about his or her neighbors not respecting others' rights. This argument should be saved for another time, as covenants cannot be addressed until 2020.

I just want to let you know that we do look into any complaint. We ask residents to think about the effects of what we do.

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