



City of Phoenix

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

BRAD HOLM
City Attorney

September 18, 2018

Mr. Jon Riches
Goldwater Institute
500 East Coronado Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Dear Jon:

The City does *not* regulate Christmas lights displayed on homes. It never has. So your client can *legally* hang them up. But since your client's display attracts so many visitors, it would be considerate for him to take into account how the display affects the neighbors.

Separately from Christmas lights, the City *does* regulate mobile and retail vending to protect neighborhoods from commercial encroachment. The mobile vending ordinance and the zoning code prohibit selling food or other items from a stand or display in a residential neighborhood.

Mr. Sepanek may enjoy his Christmas lights and offer hot cocoa and accept donations. We encourage him to discuss his display with his neighbors.

Very truly yours,

Paul Li
Assistant City Attorney

2067622