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Hon. Paul Hogan
Councilman District 4
Hahnville, LA

RE: Ordinance 1009-0054

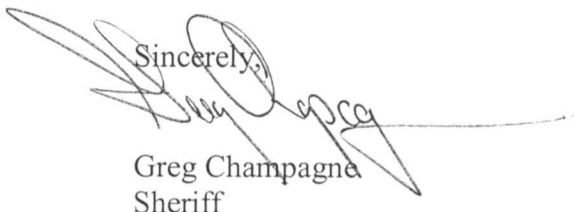
Dear Councilman Hogan:

As per your request, I have reviewed your proposed ordinance which would authorize energizing all of the street lights in a new subdivision upon acceptance by the council of the act of dedication.

From a law enforcement standpoint, I can state that more lighting is always a proven deterrent to crime including theft and vandalism. Typically, it is not uncommon for contractors building homes in a new subdivision to experience theft and vandalism before subdivisions are populated. Normally, these types of crimes abate when a subdivision becomes more fully populated. Full lighting can only help prevent these types of crimes.

I realize that this issue may be one of finance as well as crime prevention. I am in no position to assess the financial aspect of that and leave that issue to you and the council. If such a proposal were financially feasible, more lighting would be helpful in my opinion from a crime prevention point of view.

Sincerely,



Greg Champagne
Sheriff

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cc: V. J. St. Pierre, Jr. – Parish President
Tim Vial – Chief Administrative Officer
All Council Members
Barbara Jacobs