

## Chapter 5

### OUTDOOR LIGHTING

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The purpose of this section is to regulate the use of outdoor artificial illuminating devices emitting undesirable light rays into the night sky or onto adjacent surrounding properties which has a detrimental effect on the rural, small-town character. Standards for controlling lighting and glare are set forth to reduce the annoyance and inconvenience to property owners and traffic hazard to motorists. These standards are intended to allow reasonable enjoyment of adjacent and nearby property by their owners and occupants by requiring adequate levels of lighting.

**10 - 5 - 020: LIGHTING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Any project including outdoor lighting shall require the following information be submitted as part of a building permit or project approval application:

- a. Lighting plans indicating the location on the project site and the type of illuminating devices, fixtures, lamp supports and other devices. Plans shall include manufacturer's specifications and drawings.
- b. The height, color, and material of the lighting fixtures, poles and devices, including wattage of lamps or bulbs.
- c. Such other information as the City Staff may determine is necessary to adequately review and address potential lighting impacts and ensure compliance with this section.

**10 - 5 - 030: SPECIFIC STANDARDS FOR LIGHTING APPLICATIONS AND FIXTURES**

The following standards shall apply to lighting applications and fixtures for buildings, landscaping, parking lots and streets:

- a. All building wall-mounted fixtures shall not be located above twelve (12) feet as measured from grade to the top of the fixture or light source.

- i) Exceptions may be given with approval of the Land Use Authority in the case of multi level structures, or other circumstances the Land Use Authority deems is in the best interest of the Community.
- b. All fixtures shall house a lamp or bulb, not exceeding 150 watts with diffused bulbs. Fixtures shall be cut-off variety with the light being directed downward.
- c. Timers and motion sensor devices shall be used wherever practical to minimize light pollution and unnecessary illumination during non-use time periods.
- d. Parking lot lighting, fixtures shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet above grade, as measured to the top of the fixture or light source.
- e. Road and street lighting fixtures shall not exceed twenty (20) feet above grade, as measured to the top of the fixture or light source.
- f. All sidewalks or pathway lighting fixtures shall not be mounted more than ten (10) feet above grade as measured to the top of the fixture or light source.
- g. All landscape lighting fixtures shall be located for illumination of the landscape material only with the light source not being readily visible.

#### **10 - 5 - 040: EXISTING, NON-CONFORMING LIGHTING**

Existing, non-conforming lighting may be maintained. However, any change to fixtures, lamps, bulbs, ballasts and poles beyond simple repair or upkeep of parts, shall require that the lighting be brought into conformance with the provisions of these standards.

#### **10 - 5 - 050: EXEMPTIONS**

Lighting necessary for construction or emergencies is exempt from the provisions herein, provided said lighting is temporary and is discontinued immediately upon completion of the construction work or abatement of the emergency necessitating said lighting.