

**DIVISION 14. LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS****Sec. 6-151. PURPOSE OF ARTICLE.**

The purpose of this Division shall be to reduce to reasonable limits trespass of artificial lighting except street lighting. Luminaries used for exterior lighting shall be full cutoff luminaries to reduce night sky light pollution. (5/4/2005)

**Sec. 6-152. BUSINESS ZONE REGULATIONS.**

- (a) Exterior lighting shall include but shall not be limited to all lights mounted on the exterior of a building as well as freestanding or ground lights.

All exterior lights shall be designed so that the filaments, light sources or lenses are shielded with opaque material in such a way that they will not be visible at property lines except as follows:

- (1) Adjacent to business uses the light source shall not be visible at a height greater than five (5) feet above ground level.
- (2) Adjacent to residential uses the light source shall not be visible at ground level or above.
- (3) Exceptions are the following types of lighting which may be used only if approved by the Building Official (4/24/2013):
  - (A) Unshielded lighting may be used if it can be shown that the type of fixture proposed is not objectionable because of the light distribution characteristics of the fixture.
  - (B) Holiday or special events lighting may be used of a period of forty (40) days per year.
  - (C) Lighting for athletic activities or activities used intermittently rather than continuously may be used.
  - (D) Marine lighting may be used if directed at or toward a body of water not visible on other land areas.
- (b) Parking structures which have unshielded perimeters shall shield fixtures in accordance with Subsection (a).
- (c) Any type of lighting directed upward at such an angle that either buildings, trees, shrubs or site surfaces are lighted, is prohibited in all zones. (9/28/2010)
- (d) Lights producing varying intensities, changing colors, moving lights or search lights are prohibited in all zones.
- (e) When all interior, exterior and sign lighting is fully lighted the intensity of lighting as measured by a light meter with a cosine corrector shall not exceed 0.5 footcandles at any point along a property line of the subject premises unless shielded by opaque fencing. Interior lighting that exceeds this standard may be reduced by installation of curtains, drapes, blinds, louvers, shields or other devices as long as the shielding device selected remains in a fixed position at all times.

**Sec. 6-153. RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS: EXCEPTION.**

- (a) The lighting regulations for residential zones shall be the same as for Business Zones except that perimeter lighting as described in Section 6-152(e) must be limited to one-tenth (0.1) footcandles at any point along a property line.

- (b) The flood lights regulations shall be the same as Business Zone.
- (c) Moving lights and search lights regulations shall be the same as Business Zone.
- (d) Holiday lights or special events regulations shall be the same as Business Zone.
- (e) For the purposes of this section, all residential dwellings/structures in residential zones (single, two and multifamily) as well as tennis courts, platform tennis courts and similar recreational facilities are included. (9/28/2010)