

ARTICLE XX**LIGHTING****§ X.05 - INTENT & PURPOSE**

The intent and purpose of this Article is to:

- (A) Prevent the reflection and glare of lighting in a manner that creates a nuisance or safety hazard to motor vehicle operators, pedestrians, and neighboring properties and uses;
- (B) Promote dark skies, consistent with the Township's rural nature, by limiting intrusive artificial light that degrades the quality of the nighttime visual environment;
- (C) Reduce atmospheric light pollution, light trespass, and off-site impacts of lighting;
- (D) Recognize the need for buildings and sites to provide some lighting for safety and security;
- (E) Promote the conservation of electrical energy; and
- (F) Provide standards for the placement, orientation, and fixture details for lighting.

§ X.10 - EXEMPTIONS

The standards of this Article do not apply to the following lighting:

- (A) **Interior Lighting:** Lighting within a building that is not visible outside of the building;
- (B) **Residential Lighting:** Fixtures for single-family houses and duplexes that do not produce glare and have a maximum illumination level of one thousand six hundred (1,600) lumens; (that's equivalent to 100 watts incandescent)
- (C) **Landscaping:** Decorative residential landscape lighting for lawns, gardens, or docks that is within five (5) feet of the ground and has a maximum output of one hundred (150) lumens per fixture; (that's equivalent to 10 watts incandescent)
- (D) **Underwater:** Underwater lighting in swimming pools and other natural features;
- (E) **Holiday Decorations:** Seasonal lighting associated with holidays such as, but not limited to Christmas, Hanukkah, Halloween, or New Years, with individual lamps that have a maximum illumination level of one hundred fifty (150) lumens; (that's equivalent to 10 watts incandescent)
- (F) **Traffic Control:** Lighting consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices used for traffic control;
- (G) **Construction or Emergency:** Temporary lighting for construction or emergencies that is discontinued immediately upon completion of the construction or abatement of the emergency;
- (H) **Carnival:** Lighting associated with a carnival or festival that does not produce glare and has a maximum illumination level of one (1) foot candle at any lot line or public street.
- (I) **Agriculture:** Lighting associated with commercial agricultural activities that does not produce glare; and
- (J) **Television/Movie:** Lighting for television news and lighting for television or movie production that has a valid temporary zoning permit.

§ x.15 - PROHIBITED LIGHTING

The following lighting shall be prohibited in all zoning districts.

- (A) **Search Lights:** Search lights used for entertainment or advertisement shall be prohibited.
- (B) **Lasers:** The use of lasers and similar high-intensity lighting shall be prohibited.
- (C) **Flashing:** Flashing, strobing, moving, or intermittent lighting shall be prohibited, except when required by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (D) **Exposed Bulbs:** Exposed bulbs shall be prohibited, except for neon luminous tube lighting.
- (E) **Flood Lights:** Flood lights shall be prohibited, except where expressly permitted.

§ x.20 - GENERAL LIGHTING STANDARDS

All lighting shall meet the following standards, unless otherwise provided in this Article.

- (A) **Hazard & Nuisance:** All lighting shall be aimed, located, designed, fitted, and maintained so as to not create a hazard to drivers and pedestrians or a nuisance for a neighboring use or property.
- (B) **Lighting Level:** The maximum light level projected onto a residentially-zoned or used property shall be 0.1 footcandles. The maximum light level projected onto any other property shall not exceed 1.0 footcandles. This shall be measured at a height of five (5) above ground level along the lot line.
- (C) **Direction:** Outdoor lighting shall be directed away from residential uses as much as possible.
- (D) **Cut-off Angle:** Light fixtures shall be a full cut-off fixture, with a one hundred (100) percent cut-off angle above the horizontal plane. The bulb shall be located above the bottom of the fixture.
- (E) **Height:** Light sources shall not extend above the height of the tallest structure on the property or exceed a height of twenty-five (25) feet, whichever is less
- (F) **Screening:** Vegetative screens shall not serve as the primary means for controlling glare. Glare control shall be primarily achieved through the use of cutoff luminaires, shields and baffles, appropriate mounting height, wattage, direction, and placement.
- (G) **Duration:** Outdoor lighting, except for residential and agricultural uses, shall be turned off or reduced in intensity between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am. The duration may be extended, if any of the following are determined to be true:
 - (1) **Hours of Operation:** The duration shall be extended to half an hour after the use of the site concludes and shall begin half an hour before the use of the site begins.
 - (2) **Motion Detector:** The light fixtures are activated by motion detectors beyond the hours of operation
 - (3) **Security & Safety:** The duration shall be extended if the approving authority makes a written finding that the extend hours are necessary for the security and safety of the site or vicinity.
- (H) **Wiring:** Electrical service for outdoor lighting that is not attached to a building shall be located underground.
- (I) **Color:** LED light sources shall have a color temperature that does not exceed three thousand (3,000) Kelvin.

§ x.25 - FREESTANDING LIGHTING

In addition to other applicable standards, freestanding lighting shall meet the standards outlined below.

- (A) **Light Intensity:** The maximum light intensity at ground level below the light fixture shall be (10) footcandles.
- (B) **Height:** The maximum height shall be twenty (20) feet in all residential and agricultural districts. The maximum height shall be twenty-five (25) feet in all other zoning districts.
- (C) **Location:** Freestanding pole lighting located near parking lots, driveways, or streets shall be at least three (3) feet from the edge of the curb or pavement and shall not interfere with traffic flow.
- (D) **Concrete Base:** Freestanding pole lighting located within parking areas shall be mounted on a concrete base at least three (3) feet high.
- (E) **Bollard Height:** Bollard lighting shall have a maximum height of three (3) feet.

§ x.30 - BUILDING & STRUCTURE LIGHTING

In addition to other applicable standards, building and structure-mounted lighting shall meet the standards outlined below.

- (A) **Light Intensity:** The maximum light intensity at ground level below fixtures shall be (10) footcandles. The light intensity on any vertical surface shall not exceed five (5) footcandles.
- (B) **Height:** The maximum fixture height shall be twenty (20) feet or the height of the building, whichever is less.
- (C) **Awning Lighting:** Awnings shall be opaque and not allow any lighting to cause the exterior surface of the awning to glow.
- (D) **Canopy Luminaires:** Fixtures located within a canopy shall have their bottom surface flush with or above the canopy surface.
- (E) **Architectural Accent Lighting:** Architectural accent lighting shall be low wattage and shall be directed downward onto the structure.

§ x.35 - FLAGPOLE LIGHTING

In addition to other applicable standards, lighting for flagpoles shall meet the standards outlined below.

- (A) **Permitted Flags:** The United States Flag and the State of Michigan Flag shall be the only flags illuminated after 11:00 pm.
- (B) **Lighting Power:** The fixture shall have maximum output of four thousand five hundred (4,500) lumens per flag pole. (that's equivalent to 300 watts incandescent)
- (C) **Details:** The fixture shall have a beam spread no greater than necessary to illuminate the flag and shall be fully shielded to direct light away from streets and adjacent properties.
- (D) **Location:** The fixture shall be located as close to the base of the flagpole as possible.

§ x.40 - REPLACEMENT

Nonconforming lighting shall be replaced as outlined in this Section.

- (A) ***New Use:*** Whenever a new, nonresidential or nonagricultural use is established, all lighting on the site shall be brought into compliance with this Article before the new use may commence.
- (B) ***Resumption of Use:*** If the use of a site with nonconforming lighting is abandoned for a period of six (6) or more months, whether or not there is an intent to reestablish use, all lighting shall be brought into compliance with this Article before the use is reestablished.
- (C) ***Additions or Alterations:*** Whenever a change is made that requires a site plan approval, including amended and administrative site plans, all lighting on the site shall be brought into compliance with this Article.
- (D) ***Fixture Replacement:*** When a fixture needs to be completely replaced, it shall be replaced with a fixture that is compliant with this Article.

§ x.45 - LIGHTING PLAN

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