



GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL EXTERIOR LIGHTING OF THE NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL

The Nebraska State Capitol is a predominant feature in the city of Lincoln skyline and when illuminated at night may be seen for many miles. These guidelines are to ensure that special exterior lighting of the Capitol for events or the promotion of educational initiatives by non-profit or not-for-profit groups is an occasional special activity and does not routinely cause the Capitol to be lit in colored light, or provide a hardship for Capitol staff. The Office of the Capitol Commission guidelines shall be used to see that many varied groups are given the opportunity to draw attention to their event or educational initiative through special exterior lighting.

1. The Nebraska State Capitol may be lit with colored gels placed on the exterior lights in conjunction with a special event or educational initiative sponsored by a non-profit or not-for-profit group or organization of state-wide or larger membership and mission.
2. To ensure lighting of the Capitol in different colors is a special activity and is recognized as such, the Capitol may be lit no more than four times per year.
3. Special exterior lighting shall be requested via a Facility Use Permit and will be considered on a first requested first scheduled basis.
4. The Office of the Capitol Commission will light the Capitol during the regularly scheduled periods of Capitol exterior illumination, generally dusk until 10:30 p.m.
5. The Capitol may have special lighting for one night, or if the requested date falls on a weekend, for the weekend only.
6. The Office of the Capitol Commission will not install special lighting on the Capitol during inclement weather; Commission staff reserves the right to cancel any scheduled lighting based on roof conditions and concern for staff safety.
7. To ensure equal access to this special activity, no group will be allowed to have the Capitol lit for them two years in a row.
8. Groups requesting the Capitol be lit may be required to provide colored gels for the lighting, which will become property of the Office of the Capitol Commission. Office of the Capitol Commission will not provide colored gels and torn or damaged gels will not be replaced by the Office of the Capitol Commission.

All lightings of the Capitol shall be scheduled as far in advance as possible. We require at least two weeks' notice and will not schedule the special lighting until the Facility Use Permit is received and approved. Please contact *Capitol Tourism Supervisor (402) 471-0449* to receive a Facility Use Permit or if you need additional information. Facility Use Permits should be returned to the Office of the Capitol Commission, P.O. Box 94696, Lincoln, NE 68509-4696.