

## Ordinance PL2009-14

**AN ORDINANCE** to amend The Code of the Town of Ashland, Ch. 21 "Zoning," Article XXV "Supplemental Regulations," Section 21-266 "General Lighting Standards."

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a procedure for granting exceptions to lighting standards for athletic fields within the HE, Higher Education district.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has held a public hearing on the 15th day of December 2009, advertised as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2 – 2204.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Town of Ashland, Virginia that Section 21-266 "General Lighting Standards" shall be amended to read, as follows:

### **Section 21-266. General Lighting Standards.**

The following general standards shall apply to all outdoor lighting provided for uses that are subject to the site plan requirements of article XVII of this chapter. In addition to the following, all outdoor lighting shall comply with the standards and guidelines contained in the Development Guidelines Handbook. Lighting standards shall be indicated on all site plans in sufficient detail to determine compliance with the provisions of this section. (See article XX for sign lighting provisions).

(a) *Light to be confined to the premises.* All lighting used to illuminate outdoor areas shall be located, directed or shielded so as not to shine directly or create glare on adjacent properties or streets, and so as to confine all direct light rays entirely within the boundaries of the property on which they are located. All lighting visible from streets and from properties in RR-1 and residential districts shall be of a sharp cut-off design in a fixed position which orients the light downward and prevents glare, and all lighting of parking areas and drives shall be confined within such areas. Lighting of outdoor features from below shall be provided with deflector shields to accomplish the intent of these provisions.

(b) *Lighting intensity and fixture height.* The intensity of outdoor lighting shall be no greater than shown on the approved site plan, and in no case greater than one-half (1/2) footcandles above background lighting at the property line. Outdoor lighting fixtures shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height.

(c) *Reduction to minimum level necessary for security.* All exterior lighting shall be reduced to the minimum level of intensity necessary for security purposes during the nonbusiness hours of all business and industrial uses.

(d) *Exceptions to Lighting Standards.* Exceptions to the standards within this section may be granted for athletic field lighting in the Higher Education HE District, with a conditional use permit for each individual athletic field, subject to the following criteria:

- (1) An outdoor luminaire, or system of outdoor luminaires, required for an athletic facility cannot reasonably comply with the standard and provide sufficient illumination of the facility for its safe use, as determined by recommended practices adopted by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America for that type of facility and activity, or other evidence if a recommended practice is not applicable.
- (2) Sufficient renderings, including, but not limited to, photometric drawings, luminaire cutsheets, and renderings depicting the impact of the proposed lighting, shall be provided with the application.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Town Council that the amendments herein of the Code of the Town of Ashland shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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Advertised:

Planning Commission:  
Herald Progress: October 29, 2009 and November 5, 2009  
Town Council:  
Herald Progress: November 26, 2009 and December 3, 2009

Public Hearing:  
    Planning Commission: November 18, 2009  
    Town Council: December 15, 2009

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