

## Ordinance 2010-08

**AN ORDINANCE** to amend The Code of the Town of Ashland, Chapter 21, "Zoning", Article XXV, "Supplemental Regulations", Sec. 21-266, "General lighting standards".

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the lighting regulations to allow pedestrian scaled lighting in Town right of ways.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has held a public hearing on the 15th day of February 2011, 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:

### **Sec. 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). Exceptions may be made to this section to allow for pedestrian scaled lighting in the public right of way for security purposes. Exceptions may be granted when the applicant or property owner submits, in writing to the Planning Director, a request for an exception from this section, and when the Planning Director finds such exception is necessary to alleviate safety and security concerns. No exception shall be granted for any light fixture that creates glare on adjacent properties or is not of a sharp-cut off design.

- (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.

**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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Planning Commission:  
Town Council:

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