

**ZONING ORDINANCE 14- 10**  
**(Docket R-14-08)**

**AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY ZONING  
REGULATIONS AS AN UPDATE TO THE 2014 VERSION OF THE  
ZONING REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. § 11-801 et. seq. give the County Board of Supervisors the authority to adopt Zoning Regulations to address land use; and

**WHEREAS**, Cochise County has adopted Zoning Regulations as permitted by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Zoning Regulations were originally adopted in Cochise County by the County Board of Supervisors in 1975 with major revisions adopted in 1984, 1999, 2008, and 2013, in addition to other separate revisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing of these proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations, and recommended approval of the amendments set forth in redline on Exhibit A hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing of these proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent is to propose a number of revisions to the current version of the Cochise County Zoning Regulations to simplify, clarify, and bring the regulations into conformance with revisions in the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County, Arizona that the Cochise County Zoning Regulations shall be amended as contained in Exhibit A:

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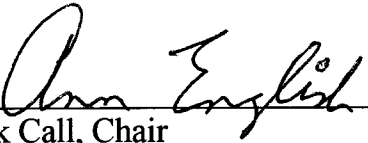
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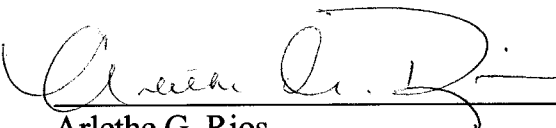
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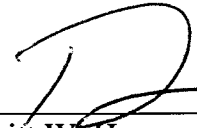
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County,  
Arizona, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014.

 12-02-14  
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Patrick Call, Chair  
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Arlethe G. Rios,  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Britt W. Hanson,  
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney

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**EXHIBIT "A"**

**EXHIBIT "A" R-14-08 Zoning Regulations Update****Draft Zoning Regulations R-14-08****Article 2 – Definitions**

**Accessory Living Quarters** – An attached or detached structure (including detached bedrooms) that is used either as a guesthouse or as quarters for the ill, elderly or disabled, or their caretaker(s). Accessory living quarters must be incidental and subordinate in size (including all garages, porches, etc), impact, and purpose to a principal dwelling. ~~In the absence of a special use permit issued pursuant to Article 17, the structure shall be no more than 75% the size of the principal dwelling.~~

~~The area calculation shall include all attached areas, except carports and patios, and enclosed attached garages. The combined square footage of a detached accessory living quarter and the total square footage of a garage attached to the accessory living quarters shall be subordinate in size to the principal dwelling. Detached accessory living quarters are limited to one kitchen per unit.~~

Except for parcels zoned Rural, ~~and in the absence of a special use permit, the accessory living quarters shall not have a separate address or separate utility meters. In the absence of a special use permit, the accessory living quarters shall not be rented separately from the main residence, nor used for commercial purposes other than a home occupation, and is not intended for sale separately from the main residence.~~

There shall be no more than one accessory living quarters per lot or parcel. Recreational vehicles, other than park models, shall not be permitted as accessory living quarters in any zoning district. Manufactured homes, rehabilitated mobile homes, mobile homes with the State Office of Manufactured Housing Rehabilitation Insignia of Approval and park models may be permitted as accessory living quarters in those Zoning Districts that allow mobile homes and manufactured homes as permitted structures.

**Bed and Breakfast Lodging:**

**Bed and Breakfast Homestay** – A single household dwelling unit occupied by an owner or a full time resident residing in the dwelling, accommodating no more than two (2) guest bedrooms that are rented to no more than six (6) transient guest lodgers at any one time who may be furnished meals. Detached accessory guest rooms or structures for house guests are not permitted.

**Bed and Breakfast Inn** – A single household dwelling unit occupied by an owner or a full time resident residing in the dwelling, accommodating no more than four (4) guest bedrooms that are rented to no more than twelve (12) transient guest lodgers at any one time who may be furnished meals. Detached accessory guest rooms or structures for house guests are not permitted. Also, a single household dwelling unit not occupied by an owner or a full time resident residing in the dwelling, which is rented as a single unit to transient guest lodgers.

**Bed and Breakfast Establishment** – A single household dwelling site that is occupied by an owner or a full time resident residing on the site, accommodating no more than twelve (12) guest rooms that are rented to no more than thirty (30) transient guest lodgers at any one time who may be furnished meals. Detached accessory guest rooms or structures for house guests may be permitted.

Guest rooms in Bed and Breakfast lodging shall not have kitchens.

**Guest Lodging** – A building or group of buildings furnishing rooms or an area for accommodation for overnight or short term lodging such as a hotel or motel, resorts, guest ranches, group camps, and campgrounds and may include recreational facilities, restaurants, meeting rooms or similar facilities. This definition does not include Recreational Vehicle Parks or Bed & Breakfast land uses.

**Onsite Agricultural Processing Services** – An agricultural processing service located in Growth Category D where at least 70 percent or more of the crop input for the facility is grown on-site.

**Comment [d1]:** Verbiage deleted to eliminate confusion on how the size of an Accessory Living Quarter is calculated, this will count the gross square footage area of both and will require an Accessory Living Quarter to be subordinate to the principal dwelling.

**Comment [d2]:** Verbiage added for clarification.

**Comment [d3]:** Verbiage added to allow the rental of a residence to transient lodgers without requiring the applicant to apply for a Special Use Authorization and only having them follow the procedures in Article 17 for a Bed & Breakfast.

**Comment [d4]:** This definition is in here for reference only for the revision to Bed and Breakfast Inn, no changes have been made.

**Comment [d5]:** Duplicate, should have been deleted, this definition was replaced with: **Agricultural Processing Services, On-Site** - An agricultural processing service located in Growth Category D where at least 70% of the crop input for facility is grown on site. No use or building permit is required.

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**Article 6 - RU, Rural Zoning Districts**

**605 Permitted Accessory Uses**

Accessory uses are permitted in RU Zoning Districts provided they are customarily incidental to an established permitted principal use. Accessory structures may exceed the size of the principal structure, unless otherwise stated, provided that all other site development standards are met. Winery Tasting Rooms are permitted accessory uses to a Farm Vineyard, Farm Winery, Small Production Winery, or Large Production Winery, uses may be exempted if conditions are met ~~per Article 17~~ per definition of Agricultural Processing Services, On-Site. For residential uses, the following additional accessory uses and buildings shall be permitted:

**Comment [d6]:** Verbiage deleted/added as the information was moved from Article 17 to Definitions on a previous update.

**Article 16 – Light Pollution**

**ARTICLE 16**

**LIGHT POLLUTION CODE**

**Comment [d7]:** The Cochise County Light Pollution Code has been inserted into the vacant Article 16 as it was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 9, 2014.

**Comment [d8]:** Throughout Article 16 all verbiage has been changed from "Code" to "Article" since this is now in our Zoning Regulations as an Article instead of its stand alone Code.

**Contents of Article 16**

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**Comment [d9]:** Throughout Article 16 all of the old section numbers were renumbered with the new Article 16 numbering format.

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### 1601.04 Purpose

1601.01 To achieve effective and efficient lighting, while preserving the safety, security, and well-being of County residents and visitors.

1601.02 To protect and enhance the lawful nighttime use and enjoyment of all property through protection of and access to the dark night skies, and to encourage the conservation of energy and other resources.

1601.03 To specify and encourage lighting practices and systems that will minimize the adverse man-made light pollution effects of sky-glow, glare and light trespass.

1601.04 To ensure that all signs installed in the County are compatible with the County's largely rural character, are in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, and to ensure that no sign shall be brighter than is necessary for clear and adequate visibility.

### 1602 Section 1- Administration

#### 1602.01 1-02 Conformance with Applicable Codes

All outdoor electric illuminating devices shall be installed in conformance with the all provisions of this Code, ~~the~~ these Cochise County Zoning Regulations, Cochise County Subdivision Regulations, and any applicable building codes.

Where any provision of any of the Arizona Revised Statutes, or any Federal Law, or any related Cochise County regulation conflicts with the requirements of this ~~Light Pollution Code~~ Article, the most restrictive shall govern.

#### 1602.02 1-03 Approved Material and Methods of Installation

The provisions of this ~~Code~~ Article are not intended to prevent the use of any material or method of installation not specifically proscribed by this ~~Code~~ Article, provided any such alternate has been approved. The County Zoning Inspector may approve any such alternate provided the proposed design, material, or method:

- A. Provides approximate equivalence to those specific requirements of this ~~Code~~ Article, or
- B. Is otherwise satisfactory and complies with the intent of the ~~Code~~ this Article.

#### 1602.03 1-04 Applicability

- A. New Uses, Buildings and Additions or Modifications:

The requirements of this ~~Code~~ Article shall apply to any and all new uses and to additions to existing land uses, developments, buildings, or structures.

1. If a major addition occurs on a property with a non-residential use, the entire property shall comply with the requirements of this ~~Code~~ Article. For purposes of this section, major additions are additions of 50-percent or more in terms of additional dwelling units, gross floor area, or seating capacity, either with a single addition or with cumulative additions subsequent to the effective date of this provision.

**Comment [d10]:** Throughout Article 16 all verbiage has been changed from "this Code" to "these Zoning Regulations" and "Light Pollution Code" to "Article".

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2. Minor additions (defined as additions or modifications less than 50-percent of existing uses) on a property with a non-residential use shall require the submission of a complete inventory and site plan detailing all existing and any proposed new outdoor lighting. Any new lighting on the site shall meet the requirements of this Code Article with regard to shielding and lamp type; the total amount of lumens after the modifications are complete shall not exceed that on the site before the modification, or that permitted by this Code Article, whichever is larger.
- B. Change of Use. Whenever the use of any existing building, structure, or premises is changed to a new use, all outdoor lighting shall be reviewed and brought into compliance with all provisions of this Code Article before the new use commences.
- C. Resumption of Use after Abandonment. If a property or use with non-conforming lighting is abandoned as defined in Section 16032, then all outdoor lighting shall be reviewed and brought into compliance with all provisions of this Code Article before the use is resumed.

**Comment [d11]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**1602.04 1.05 Special Use Authorization Requirements**

Any application or lighting installation not meeting all requirements of this Code Article, including, but not limited to height, shielding, curfew, or lumen caps shall require a Special Use Authorization pursuant to Article 17. At the time of Special Use Authorization submittal, the proposed installation shall be certified by a knowledgeable Arizona Registered professional with complete specifications, including total lumen/ nit count to meet the requirements of off-site glare and light trespass, as specified in this code Article.

**1603 Section 2: Definitions**

**Abandonment** - The discontinuation of use for a period of three years or more.

**Class 1 Lighting** - All outdoor lighting used for, but not limited to, outdoor sales or eating areas, assembly or repair areas, recreational facilities and other similar activities where COLOR RENDITION is important. Class 1 lighting includes metal halide, liquid crystal display (LCD), light emitting diode (LED), plasma, quartz halogen and similar light sources and technologies.

**Class 2 Lighting** - All outdoor lighting used for, but not limited to, illumination for walkways, roadways, equipment yards, parking lots, and outdoor security where GENERAL ILLUMINATION for safety or security is the primary concern.

**Class 3 Lighting** - All outdoor lighting used for DECORATIVE effects, including but not limited to, architectural illumination, flag and monument lighting, and illumination of vegetation.

**Color Rendition** - The ability of a light source to faithfully reproduce the colors seen in an object.

**Correlated Color Temperature (CCT)** - This temperature best indicates the colors of light shining from a bulb or lamp. CCT is listed with all new lighting sources (lamps and bulbs), and by standard, the temperature is given in degrees Kelvin. Low Kelvin numbers represent "warm light and higher numbers represent "cool light".

**Decorative** - Class 3 lighting which is used for non-utilitarian purposes such as lighting building exteriors, fountains, flags, landscaping, holiday and seasonal decorations.

**Developed Site** - Acreage refers to the developed area of the site, including, but not limited to area used for buildings, structures, storage and service areas, parking, loading, driveway areas, required setback areas and required landscaping related to the use, but not areas that are only cleared.

**Foot-candle** - A unit of illumination produced on a surface. For the purpose of this code Article, one foot candle is equivalent to one lumen.

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**General Illumination** - Outdoor lighting used for, but not limited to, illumination for walkways, roadways, equipment yards, parking lots, and outdoor security where safety or security of the grounds is the primary concern.

**IESNA** - Illuminating Engineering Society of North America.

**Illuminance** - The amount of light striking a surface area, measured in footcandles or lux. For conversion purposes, 1 footcandle (fc) is equal to 10.76 lux (lx).

**Installed** - The attaching, or assembling in place of any outdoor light fixture.

**Lamp** - A generic term for a source of "light" often called a "bulb," "tube," "diode," "module," "display," or an "array."

**LED (Light Emitting Diode)** - A semiconductor diode or bulb that emits light when voltage is applied to it and is used in electronic devices.

**Light Fixture, Fully Shielded** - A light fixture constructed, installed, and maintained in such a manner that all light emitted by the fixture, either directly from the lamp or indirectly by reflection or refraction from any part of the fixture, is projected below a horizontal plane running through the lowest part of the fixture.

A practical way to determine if a fixture or tube is fully shielded: if the lamp or tube, any reflective surface, or lens cover (clear or prismatic) is visible when viewed from above or directly from the side, from any angle around the fixture or tube, the fixture or tube is not fully shielded.

**Light Fixture, Outdoor** - A complete lighting assembly (including the lamp, housing, reflectors, lenses and shields), less the support assembly (pole or mounting bracket). Includes luminous tubes, lamps, or similar devices, permanently installed or portable, used for illumination, decoration, or advertisement.

**Light Trespass** - Stray electric light in excess of the levels specified in Section 1605.01 4-04 falling where it is not wanted or needed. Direct or reflected light that has its source on one site, and illuminates areas beyond the property boundaries. Light trespass is typically produced by stray light from unshielded or misdirected outdoor lighting, and includes glare from direct viewing.

**Comment [d12]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**Lumen** - A unit used to measure the total amount of light that is produced by a lamp. For the purpose of this code, one lumen is equivalent to one foot candle.

**Luminaire** - A light fixture, including the complete lighting assembly (including lamps, housings, reflectors, lenses and shields), but excluding the support assembly.

**Nit** - A unit of luminance measured as one candela per meter-squared.

**Opaque** - Opaque means a material that does not transmit light from an internal illumination source.

**Outdoor Light Fixtures** - Outdoor electric illuminating devices, outdoor fixtures, lamps and other devices; searchlights, spot lights, flood lights, permanently installed or portable, used for illumination, emergency, security or commercial purposes. Such devices shall include, but are not limited to, lights for:

- a. Parking lots
- b. Roadways
- c. Buildings and structures
- d. Recreational areas and facilities
- e. Landscaping decorative effects
- f. Billboards and signs (advertising and other)
- g. Product display areas

**Outdoor Recreational Facility** - An area designed for active recreation, whether publicly or privately owned, including but not limited to parks, baseball or softball diamonds, soccer and football fields, golf courses, tennis courts, and roping/equestrian arenas.

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**Person** - Shall mean any private individual, tenant, lessee, owner, or any commercial entity including but not limited to companies, partnerships, joint ventures, or corporations.

**Residential Lighting** - Residential refers to outdoor lighting for single household dwellings.

**Searchlight** - A lighting assembly designed to direct the output of a contained lamp in a specific tightly focused direction (a beam) with a reflector located external to the lamp and with a swiveled or gimbale mount to allow the assembly to be easily redirected. Such lights are commonly used to sweep the sky for advertisement purposes.

**Shield** - A device that is attached onto or inserted into a luminaire to alter the direction of light being emitted. A luminaire that has a shield attached or inserted is considered to be "shielded."

**Sign, Digital** - A type of electronic display that can show programming, menus, information, advertising, and other messages. Digital signs are lighted typically animated, flashing and utilize technologies such as LCD, LED, plasma displays, or projected images to display content.

**Sign, Illuminated** - For the purposes of this CodeArticle, a sign lighted by or exposed to artificial lighting either by lights within the sign or directed toward the sign.

**Sky-glow** - The undesirable and unnecessary emission of light rays, directly or indirectly, into the night sky.

**Uplighting** - A lamp or light designed or positioned to cast its light upwards.

**Use, Non-Residential** - The use of land for a purpose other than single-household dwelling units.

**Watt** - The unit used to measure the electrical power consumption (not the light output) of a lamp.

### 1604 Section 3: Procedures for Lighting Compliance

#### 1604.013.04 Applications

- A Any individual applying for a building or use permit under these ~~Goehise County~~ Zoning Regulations intending to install outdoor light fixtures shall as a part of said application submit evidence that the proposed work will comply with this CodeArticle.
- B All other individuals intending to install, replace or improve any outdoor light fixture shall comply with the provisions of this CodeArticle, and if a permit is required by these ~~Goehise County~~ Zoning Regulations or Building Codes, submit an application to the County Zoning Inspector providing evidence that the proposed work will comply with this CodeArticle.

#### 1604.023.02 Contents of Application or Submission

The following plans and descriptions shall be sufficiently complete to enable the County Zoning Inspector to readily determine whether the project will be in compliance with the requirements of this CodeArticle. If such plans and descriptions are not sufficient to enable this ready determination, by reason of the nature or configuration of the devices, fixtures or lamps proposed, the applicant shall submit evidence of compliance prepared by a certified illumination engineer. The submission shall contain:

- A. Plans indicating the location on the premises, and the type of all illuminating devices, existing and proposed, as well as total lumens or nits emitted.
- B. Description of the existing and proposed illuminating devices, fixtures, lamps, supports and other devices, and the initial lumen output. This description shall include but is not limited to, manufacturers' catalog cuts, photographs, diagrams and/or drawings.

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Upon compliance with these lighting provisions, as well as the other requirements for permit issuance, the County Zoning Inspector shall issue a permit. The appeal procedures of the Cochise County ~~these~~ Zoning Regulations for decisions of the County Zoning Inspector shall apply in the event of any dispute as to the application of this ~~Code~~Article.

**1604.04 3.04-Amendment to Permit**

Substitution of outdoor light fixtures or lamps after a permit has been issued requires County Zoning Inspector approval prior to installation. Amendments to permits for the installation of outdoor light fixtures require adequate information to assure compliance with this ~~Section 1604.02 3.02~~ of this ArticleCode.

**Comment [d13]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**1604.05 3.05-Accessibility for Inspections**

The Applicant will provide a means to safely inspect any digital sign over five-feet tall from the ground.

**1605 Section 4- General Requirements****1605.01 4.01-Light Trespass and Glare**

- A. All fixtures and lamps shall be located, installed, directed, shielded, and maintained to avoid light trespass and to minimize direct light and/or glare on neighboring properties and roadways. Accent lighting shall be directed onto the building or object and not toward the sky or onto adjacent properties.
- B. For a receiving residential site, the level of light trespass shall not exceed 0.2-lumens as measured with a lumen meter's sensor perpendicular to the light source at a height of five-feet above the ground and located five-feet inside the receiving property line. For a receiving non-residential site, the level of light trespass shall not exceed 0.5-footcandles under the same parameters.

**1605.02 4.02-Height**

- A. Residential Sites: The overall height of lighting fixtures (including the base) shall not exceed 20-feet above ground level, except for residential sites with a minimum parcel size of four-acres or larger, lighting fixtures which are located 50-feet or more from any property line shall not exceed 30-feet in height (including the base) above ground level. Digital signs shall meet all requirements per Section 1907.02B of Article 19 ~~the Cochise County Zoning Regulations~~.
- B. Non-Residential Sites: Except as provided herein for specific uses, the overall height of lighting fixtures (including the base) on all non-residential sites shall not exceed 30-feet above ground level, except in the GB, LI and HI zoning districts, the overall height of lighting fixtures located at least 100-feet from any property line shall not exceed 35-feet in height above ground level (including the base). Digital signs shall meet all requirements per Section 1907.02B of Article 19 ~~the Cochise County Zoning Regulations~~.

**Comment [d14]:** Deleted to reflect actual Article in these Z-Regs.

**Comment [d15]:** Deleted to reflect actual Article in these Z-Regs.

**1605.03 4.03-Lighting Types, Shielding and Curfew Requirements****A. Lighting Types**

- 1. All street lights shall be fully shielded.

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2. Low Pressure Sodium lamps are the preferred lamp type for minimizing adverse effects on astronomical observations.

**B. General Shielding Requirements**

1. All light fixtures required to be fully shielded shall be installed and maintained in a fashion that maintains the fully-shielded characteristics.
2. All uplighting is prohibited, except
  - a. The lighting of one flagpole. The light shall be focused on the flag and shall not exceed 2,000 lumens. Off-site glare and light trespass shall be eliminated by the use of shielding. Flags that include advertising, business trademarks or symbols, or other forms of commercial communication may not be uplighted at any time.
  - b. Low voltage or solar landscape lighting not exceeding 150 lumens per fixture.

**C. Shielding Requirements for Residential Uses**

1. For residential uses, any lamp type with output of 1,000 lumens or more shall be fully shielded. If multiple lamps of less than 1,000 lumens are used, and the total lumens are greater than 1,000 lumens in total then shielding is required.
2. Lighting for multiple household dwellings is not considered residential~~residential~~Residential, and must comply with all requirements for Non-Residential lighting, including, but not limited to lumen caps and curfews for decorative lighting.
3. All light fixtures located within 25-feet of the property line adjacent to a residential use shall use fully shielded luminaires.

**D. Shielding and Curfew Requirements for Non-Residential Uses**

1. All non~~Non-residential-Residential~~ light fixtures except for unshielded signs shall be fully-shielded.
2. Any Class 1 (Color Rendition), Class 2 (General Illumination), or Class 3 (Decorative Illumination) lamp type shall be shielded in accordance with Table ~~16.14-4~~.
3. All Class 1 (Color Rendition) and Class 3 (Decorative Illumination) lighting shall be extinguished between 11 p.m. (or when the business closes, whichever is later) and sunrise, except:
  - a. Seasonal decorations using typical unshielded low-lumen incandescent lamps shall be permitted from Thanksgiving to January 15.
  - b. Low voltage landscape lights rated at 150 lumens or less provided the total unshielded lumens do not exceed 1,000 lumens.
  - c. Self-contained solar lights rated at 10 watts or less.
4. All light fixtures located within 25-feet of the property line adjacent to a residential use shall use fully shielded luminaires.

**Comment [d16]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

**1605.04 4.04 Total Outdoor Light Output**

- A. Total outdoor light output, including that for all signs, shielded or unshielded, shall not exceed the limits in Table ~~16.14-4~~. The values in this table are upper limits and not design goals; design goals should be the lowest levels that meet the requirements of the task to reduce glare and reduce energy costs.

**Comment [d17]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

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- B. Shielded flood lights, properly aimed down, at no more than 45 degrees, not to exceed 2,000 lumens per bulb and controlled by a motion sensor device shall be exempt from lumen caps, provided fixtures remain on for short periods only, and not to remain on over 10 minutes after the area has been vacated.
- C. Low voltage seasonal decorations, permitted between Thanksgiving and January 15, are not counted toward these limits.
- D. Total outdoor light output for various zoning districts is specified in Table 16.14.1. These maximums are referred to as lumen caps.

**Comment [d18]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

**Comment [d19]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

Table 16.14.1  
**MAXIMUM TOTAL OUTDOOR LIGHT OUTPUT STANDARDS LUMEN CAPS**

<b>All Uses in Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts</b>	
<b>(NB, GB, LI, HI)<sup>5</sup></b>	
Total shielded	150,000-lumens per acre of developed site <sup>1, 4, 5</sup>
Total Unshielded	3,000-lumens per acre of developed site <sup>2,3,5</sup>
<b>Non-Residential Uses in Residential and Rural Zoning Districts <sup>6</sup></b>	
Total shielded	75,000-lumens per acre of developed site <sup>1,4,5</sup>
Unshielded	3,000-lumens per acre of developed site <sup>2,3,5</sup>
<b>Residential Uses in Residential and Rural Zoning Districts</b>	
<b>Lots one acre or larger</b>	
Shielded	20,000-lumens per acre of developed site <sup>5</sup>
Unshielded	2,000-lumens per acre of developed site <sup>2, 3</sup>
<b>Residential Uses in Residential and Rural Zoning Districts</b>	
<b>Lots less than one acre</b>	
Shielded	10,000-lumens per residence
Unshielded	2,000-lumens per residence <sup>2, 3</sup>
<b>Digital Signs</b>	
Limited to one sign per developed site with a maximum of 200-nits per site	
<b>Correlated Color Temperature (CCT)</b>	
Maximum CCT of 3,000K permitted for non-residential lamps	

<sup>1</sup> Lumens for all signs are to be included in these caps except as provided in Section 1607.026-02.

<sup>2</sup> Any lamp with output of 1,000-lumens or more shall be fully shielded.

<sup>3</sup> Does not include the 2,000 lumen lighting exception for flagpoles (Section 1605.034-03B-2) and floodlights on a motion sensor (1605.044-04-B).

<sup>4</sup> All lighting except for safety lighting (Class 2) shall be extinguished between 11 p.m. (or close of business, whichever is later) and sunrise.

<sup>5</sup> Acreage refers to the developed area of the site, including, but not limited to area used for buildings, structures, storage and service areas, parking, loading, driveway areas, required setback areas and required landscaping related to the use, but not areas that are only cleared.

**Comment [d20]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**Comment [d21]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**Comment [d22]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

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### 1606 Section 5: Prohibitions

#### 1606.01 5.01 Searchlights, Laser Lights

The operation of searchlights, laser lights, or any similar high intensity light for outdoor advertising or commercial purposes is prohibited.

#### 1606.02 5.02 Recreational Facilities

No outdoor recreational facility, public or private, including those with non-conforming lighting shall be illuminated after 11 p.m. except to conclude a specific scheduled event that was unable to conclude before the curfew due to unusual circumstances.

#### 1606.03 5.03 Mercury Vapor

The installation of new mercury vapor outdoor light fixtures is prohibited. The use of legal, non-conforming (installed prior to March 3, 1982) mercury vapor light fixtures is prohibited after January 1, 2011.

### 1607 Section 6: Signage

#### 1607.01 6.01 External Illumination

External illumination for signs shall conform to the shielding restrictions and lumen caps of Table ~~16.14.4~~. All upward-directed sign lighting is prohibited.

**Comment [d23]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

#### 1607.02 6.02 Internal Illumination

A. Outdoor internally illuminated signs are considered unshielded and shall be adequately sealed and maintained to prevent light leakage.

B. Neon signs shall be treated as internally illuminated signs for the purpose of this Code Article. Neon lighting extending beyond the sign area shall be considered Class 3 decorative lighting, and shall be subject to the standards applicable for such lighting including, but not limited to, the shielding standards and lumen caps of Table ~~16.14.4~~.

**Comment [d24]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

C. Digital Signs

Digital signs that meet the standards as listed in Article 19 of the Cochise County Zoning Regulations are permitted. Digital signs shall be considered unshielded and restricted to total lumen cap per Table ~~16.14.4~~ of this Code Article. Applicant must supply documentation indicating maximum nit capability for each segment of a digital sign, and demonstrate ability to meet the total nit cap per Table ~~16.14.4~~ of this Code Article.

**Comment [d25]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

**Comment [d26]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

#### 1607.03 6.03 Other Illuminated Panels

Other internally-illuminated panels or decorations not considered to be signage according to Code this Article, such as illuminated canopy margins or building faces shall be considered Class 3 Lighting and shall be subject to the standards applicable for such lighting including, but not limited to, the shielding standards and lumen caps of Table ~~16.14.4~~.

**Comment [d27]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

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A. Illumination for advertising signs, both externally and internally illuminated, shall be turned off at 11 p.m., or when the business closes, whichever is later. Signs subject to curfews are encouraged to have automatic shut-off timers. Internally illuminated signs with an opaque or dark-colored background and lighter text and symbols are not subject to the curfew, provided at least 50% of the sign is dark colored.

B. Digital signs shall be permitted from sunrise to sunset, except as permitted in the Coehise County Zoning Regulations, Article 19.

**1608 Section 7: Permanent Exemptions****1608.01 7.01 Nonconforming Fixtures**

Except as provided in Section ~~1602.031-04~~, all outdoor light fixtures existing and legally installed after March 3, 1982 and prior to December 1, 2005, with the exceptions found in Section ~~1606.025-02~~ (curfew for outdoor recreation facilities) and ~~1606.035-03~~ (mercury vapor), may remain "non-conforming" indefinitely; provided, however, that no change in use, fixture replacement, structural alteration, or restoration after abandonment of outdoor light fixtures shall be made unless it thereafter conforms to the provisions of this CodeArticle.

**Comment [d28]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**Comment [d29]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**Comment [d30]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**1608.02 7.02 Fossil Fuel Fixtures**

Light produced by the combustion of natural gas or other utility-type fossil fuels is exempt from the lumen cap and shielding requirements of this CodeArticle.

**1608.03 7.03 Equipment and Signal Lights**

Equipment and signal lights necessary for agricultural equipment or required by state or federal regulations shall be by the least obtrusive means that meets the applicable operating or regulatory requirements.

**1608.04 7.04 Federal and State Facilities**

Those facilities and lands owned, operated, or protected by the U.S. Federal Government or the State of Arizona and political subdivisions thereof are exempt by law from all requirements of these provisions. Voluntary compliance with the intent of this CodeArticle at those facilities is encouraged.

**Comment [d31]:** Deleted to required political subdivisions such as schools and fire departments to comply with the Light Pollution.

**1608.05 7.05 Emergency Lighting**

Temporary lighting to facilitate immediately necessary repairs or similar emergency, such as actions of a public or private utility company necessary to continue or resume service shall be allowed. Lights shall be arranged to reflect light away from and prevent glare to adjoining residential properties and public rights of way to the extent feasible.

**1608.06 7.06 Agricultural operations**

Those agricultural operations that meet the minimum requirements for zoning exemption are also exempt from this CodeArticle.

**1608.07 7.07 Special Exemption**

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The Zoning Inspector may grant a special exemption to the requirements of this Code Article only upon a written finding that there are extreme geographic or geometric conditions warranting the exemption and that there are no conforming fixtures that would suffice.

### 1609 Section 8: Temporary Exemptions

#### 1609.01 8.01 Requests for Temporary Exemptions

Any individual as defined herein may submit a written request to the County Zoning Inspector for a "temporary exemption" to the requirements of this Code Article. Such exemption will be valid for 30 days, renewable at the discretion of the County Zoning Inspector. The request for Temporary Exemption shall contain at least the:

- A. Specific exemptions requested.
- B. Specific reasons why the requirements listed in this Code Article cannot be met.
- C. Type and use of exterior light involved.
- D. Duration of time for requested exemption.
- E. Type and number of lamps and calculated lumens.
- F. Total lumens of lamp or lamps.
- G. Proposed location and height of exterior lights.
- H. Previous temporary exemptions, if any.
- I. Physical size of exterior light and type of shielding provided.

In addition to the data above, the County Zoning Inspector may request any additional information to allow a reasonable evaluation of the Request for Temporary Exemption.

#### 1609.02 8.02 Appeals for Temporary Exemptions

The County Zoning Inspector, within 15 days from the date of the properly completed Request for Temporary Exemption, shall approve or reject the Request in writing. If rejected, the individual making the Request shall have the right of appeal to the appropriate Board of Adjustment as any other appeal of the County Zoning Inspector's determinations.

#### 1609.03 8.03 Private Security Lighting/ Lighting Installed by an Electric Utility

Non-compliant lighting that was installed in good faith by an electric utility shall be brought into conformance with this Code Article within 5 years of adoption; however, individual light fixtures which are the subject of a citizen complaint or County enforcement action shall be brought into conformance within 30 days of notification of the property owner.

### 1610 Section 9: Special Activities

#### 1610.01 9.01 Outdoor Recreational Facilities

- A. Shielding: All outdoor recreational facilities shall utilize fully-shielded luminaires that are installed in a fashion that maintains the fully-shielded characteristics.
- B. Height: The maximum height for pole-mounted luminaires for outdoor recreational facilities is 40-feet.

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- C. Lighting for public and private outdoor athletic fields, courts, tracks or arenas, shall be considered Class 1 (Color Rendition).
- D. Facility lighting shall meet shielding, lumen caps, height limits and all other restrictions of this CodeArticle:
  - 1. A Special Use Authorization is required. As part of the Special Use Authorization ~~Permit~~ application process, the lighting system design and installation shall be certified by a knowledgeable Arizona Registered professional or other certified lighting specialist as achieving the minimum illuminance level for the specific activity as recommended by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) and conforming to all other applicable provisions of this CodeArticle, and shall be installed and maintained so as to minimize uplight and offsite light trespass, and with aiming angles that permit no greater than five-percent of the light emitted by each fixture to project above the horizontal.
- E. Off-site Trespass: The facility shall limit off-site trespass to the maximum extent possible and shall not cause light trespass onto residentially zoned or developed properties.
- F. Curfew: All events shall be scheduled to complete activity before 11 p.m. Illumination of the playing field, court or track shall be permitted after the curfew only to conclude a scheduled event that was unable to conclude before the curfew due to unusual circumstances.
- G. All lighting not directly associated with the playing field (e.g. parking lot lighting, concession stand lighting, etc.) shall use Class 2 lighting and shall conform to all requirements of Section 16054 of this CodeArticle.

**Comment [d32]:** Added/Deleted to be in compliance with our Z-Regs Verbiage.

**Comment [d33]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**1610.02 9.02 Outdoor Display Lots**

Lighting for display lots shall be considered Class 1 (Color Rendition), and shall be in compliance with the following standards:

- A. Shielding: All display lot lighting shall utilize fully-shielded luminaires that are installed in a fashion that maintains the fully-shielded characteristics.
- B. Height: The maximum height for pole-mounted luminaires for outdoor display lots is 40-feet.
- C. Display lot lighting shall meet shielding, lumen caps, height limits, and all other restrictions of this CodeArticle.
- D. If meeting all Code-requirements is infeasible, pursuant to Section 1602.041-05 a Special Use Authorization is required. As part of the Special Use Authorization ~~Permit~~ application process, the lighting system design and installation shall be certified by a knowledgeable Arizona Registered professional or other certified lighting specialist as achieving the minimum illuminance levels as recommended by IESNA and conforming to all applicable provisions of this CodeArticle.
- E. Curfew: Display lot lighting shall be turned off between 11 p.m. and sunrise or within 30 minutes after closing of the business, whichever is later. Lighting in the display lot after this time shall be considered Class 2 lighting and shall conform to all restrictions of this CodeArticle, including the lumen caps in Table 16.14-1.
- F. Off-site trespass: The facility shall limit off-site trespass to the maximum extent possible and shall not cause light trespass onto residentially zoned or developed properties

**Comment [d34]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

**Comment [d35]:** Added/Deleted to be in compliance with our Z-Regs Verbiage.

**Comment [d36]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

**1610.03 9.03 Service Station Under Canopy Lighting**

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Lighting for service station canopies shall be considered Class 1 lighting (Color rendition) and shall be subject to the curfew requirements in Section 1605.03 4-03-(C) 2 of this CodeArticle.

**Comment [d37]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered section.

- A. Shielding: All luminaires are to be flush with, or recessed into the lower surface of service station canopies and shall be fully shielded and utilize flat lenses.
- B. Total Under-Canopy Output: The total light output used for illuminating service station canopies is defined as the sum of all under-canopy initial bare lamp outputs in lumens and shall not exceed 40 lumens per square foot of canopy. Twenty-five percent of the lumens from fully shielded outdoor lighting fixtures installed under canopies shall be counted toward the lumens caps in Table 16.14-4.
- C. Illuminated canopy margins shall be considered Class 3 (Decorative) lighting.

**Comment [d38]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

### 1610.04 9-04-Wireless Communications Towers

If tower lighting is required, it shall be the least obtrusive that meets FAA requirements.

### 1611 Section 10- Enforcement

#### 1611.01 10-01-Violations Deemed a Nuisance

Any outdoor lighting established or maintained in violation of the Code-Article is unlawful and constitutes a public nuisance. The Applicant will provide a means to safely inspect any digital sign over five-feet tall from the ground.

#### 1611.02 10-02-Action to Enforce Regulations

For any violation of this CodeArticle, the County Attorney may, and upon order of the Board of Supervisors shall, commence all necessary actions or proceedings to enforce this Code-Article including, but not limited to, actions to abate, enjoin, or remove the violating outdoor lighting fixture.

#### 1611.03 10-03-Jurisdiction of Hearing Officer

The Hearing Officer who has been designated to hear zoning violation proceedings under the Coehise-County these Zoning Regulations shall also hear any violation proceedings under this CodeArticle.

#### 1611.04 10-04-Rules of Procedure

The rules of procedure for hearings on zoning violations before the County Hearing Officer shall apply to violation proceedings arising under this CodeArticle.

#### 1611.05 10-05-Remedies

All remedies concerning this Code-Article shall be cumulative and not exclusive. Conviction and punishment of any person hereunder shall not relieve such persons from the responsibility of

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correcting prohibited conditions or removing prohibited outdoor lighting fixture, and shall not prevent the enforced correction or removal thereof. In addition to the other remedies provided herein, any adjacent or neighboring property owner specially damaged by the violation of any provision of this Code Article may institute, in addition to any other appropriate remedy or preceding an action for injunction, mandamus, or proceeding to prevent, abate, or remove such unlawful outdoor lighting fixture.

**1611.06 19-06 Penalties**

- A. Any person, firm or corporation whether as principal, owner, agent, tenant, employee or otherwise, who violates any provisions of this Code Article or who violates or fails to comply with any order or regulation made hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable as provided for Class 2 misdemeanors by Arizona Revised Statutes. Such person, firm, or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during which such violation or failure to comply with this Code Article is committed, continued, or permitted.
- B. Paragraph A notwithstanding, each violation of this Code Article or failure to comply with any order or regulation hereunder may be processed by the County Zoning Inspector as a violation subject to a civil penalty as provided by Arizona Revised Statutes and heard by a duly appointed Hearing Officer, pursuant to the written rules of procedure for such hearings, as approved by the Board of Supervisors. Each day the violation continues, a separate violation will be incurred. Maximum fines are \$750.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for an enterprise, defined as a corporation, association, labor union, or legal entity.

Comment [d39]: Typo, changed to "and"

**Article 17 – Administration****1715.02 Eligible Lot Development Standards**

- A. The following site development standards may be eligible for a ~~reduction~~ modification of up to 25-percent: minimum setbacks, maximum site coverage, maximum building/structure height and minimum required parking spaces.
- B. The minimum site area may be reduced as follows:
1. For any lots that are in a Zoning District with a minimum site area of one-acre or smaller, the minimum site area may be reduced up to 10-percent.

Comment [d40]: Deleted/added to clarify.

For any lots that are in a Zoning District with a minimum site area of more than one-acre, the site area may be reduced up to 4-percent.

**1716.03 Procedures for Issuance of a Special Use Permit**

- A. The Applicant for a special use shall participate in an informal pre-application meeting with staff, to provide a general overview of the proposed project, to obtain information as to the issues that will need to be addressed in the formal application and to discuss the proposed process for citizen notification.
- B. Prior to submitting the formal application to the Community Development Department, the Applicant shall notify property owners, homeowners' and community associations in accordance with the Citizen Review Process specified in Article 22.

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C. The Applicant for a special use permit shall file an application for a special use on a form provided by the County Zoning Inspector, a Citizen Review Report in accordance with Article 22, the required fee as provided for in the adopted Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule, and a concept plan, ~~and if not the owner of the site, a letter of permission to apply for the Special Use Authorization.~~ The concept plan shall be submitted and reviewed by the Planning Commission as a means to determine whether the special use request will be able to meet the essential site development standards set forth in these Zoning Regulations. Note: Any anticipated waivers of the site development standards, such as setbacks, screening, etc., must be requested, justified and approved by the Planning Commission prior to building permit issuance. The Concept Plan, at a minimum, shall include:

**Comment [d41]:** Verbiage added to ensure proper authorization is received from the property owner.

### 1717.01 Applications

Applications for an accessory living quarter shall be made on forms supplied by the Community Development Department and shall include ~~all information required for processing a building or use permit, accompanied by the appropriate fee~~ a concept or site plan showing all structures, including the proposed Accessory Living Quarter.

**Comment [d42]:** Deleted/added verbiage to allow the applicant to apply for an ALQ without having to spend a lot of money on plans (construction/site plans) that may not be needed if the ALQ is not approved.

## Article 18 – Site Development Standards

### 1802.12 Reserved for future use ~~Outdoor Lighting~~, see Section 1810.

**Comment [d43]:** Entire section deleted as the Light Pollution Code is now Article 16.

### 1804.02 Basic Requirement for Off-Street Parking

- A. Off-street parking shall be provided for any new building constructed or for any new use placed on a site. Parking must be established prior to operation and shall be maintained for the duration of the use.
- B. Whenever the use or area of an existing building is changed, additional off-street parking for the increased area or the use shall be provided in conformance with the standards set forth in Section 1804.
- C. The owner or occupant of an existing or proposed building or use subject to off-street parking requirements shall not discontinue or reduce any existing required parking area without first having established other parking space which meets all requirements of these Zoning Regulations.
- D. The use of any off-street parking space as required under these Zoning Regulations, for the storage of merchandise, vehicles for sale or rent, or for repair of vehicles, shall be prohibited.

E. Parking areas used for activities operating during hours of darkness shall be lighted and all lighting must comply with this Article.

**Comment [d44]:** Section "E" was added here as it was previously in section 1810.03 which was deleted since we inserted the light pollution code into Article 16.

### 1810 Reserved for Future Use ~~Outdoor Lighting Standards~~

**Comment [d45]:** Entire section deleted as the Light Pollution Code is now Article 16.

#### 1810.01 Purpose

Outdoor lighting regulations are designed to prevent safety hazards and nuisances to surrounding properties and public rights-of-way caused by the improper installation and placement of outdoor light fixtures, and to promote the purpose of the Cochise County Light Pollution Code.

#### 1810.02 Compliance With Light Pollution Code

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Installation of all outdoor lighting fixtures shall comply with the standards of the Cochise County Light Pollution Code in addition to any specific requirements set forth within these Zoning Regulations. Any light fixture, permit application, or installation of outdoor lighting which does not comply with all aspects of the Cochise County Light Pollution Code shall require a Special Use Permit pursuant to Article 17.

**1810.03 Additional Lighting Requirements**

- A. ~~Residential Lighting: All on-site residential outdoor light fixtures shall be installed no higher than 20 feet above ground level, except:~~
1. ~~For residential sites located in the RU, SR and SM Zoning Districts with a minimum required parcel size of four acres or larger, lighting fixtures which are located 50 feet or more from any property line shall not exceed 30 feet in height (including the base) above ground level.~~
  2. ~~Lighting for properly approved Outdoor Recreational Facilities shall not exceed 40 feet in height.~~
  3. ~~All residential lighting fixtures shall be shielded in accordance with the Cochise County Light Pollution Code and shall be arranged so as to reflect light away from and prevent glare to adjoining residential properties and public rights-of-way.~~
- B. ~~Non-Residential Sites~~
1. ~~All outdoor lighting fixtures shall be placed and shielded as necessary so as to reflect light away from adjoining residential sites, and to prevent direct beams of light or glare from interfering with traffic on public rights-of-way.~~
  2. ~~Parking areas used for activities operating during hours of darkness shall be lighted.~~
  3. ~~The overall height of lighting fixtures shall not exceed 30 feet above grade, including base, except:~~
    - a. ~~In the GB, LI and HI Zoning Districts, height of lighting fixtures located at least 100 feet from any property line shall not exceed 35 feet in height (including the base).~~
    - b. ~~Lighting for Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Outdoor Display Lots shall not exceed 40 feet in height (including the base).~~
    - c.a. ~~Fixtures shall be so constructed and arranged as to reflect light away from any adjacent property. Lighting shall be located and protected as necessary to prevent interference with vehicular traffic.~~

**Comment [d46]:** This verbiage was added to section 1804.02.E

**Article 19 - Signs**

**1903.04** Except as permitted for Digital Signs (see Section 1907.02), all illuminated signs shall conform with the provisions of ~~the Cochise County Light Pollution Code~~ Article 16, and shall be so placed as to prevent glare or reflection from being cast on any adjoining residential District, or any beam or ray of light from being directed at the sky and at any portion of a public street, alley, or other right-of-way.

**Comment [d47]:** Verbiage changed from "Cochise County Light Pollution Code" to "Article 16 since we inserted the Code into Article 16.

**1907.02****B. DIGITAL SIGNS.**

1. Permitted Structural Type: Ground Sign.
2. Illumination: Permitted, but only from sunrise to sunset, except for fuel price, motel price, time and temperature signs, and similar signs, which can be illuminated at any time, provided:

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- a. The illumination emitted by the sign, together with any other unshielded lighting on the site, do not exceed the maximum allowed in Table 16.14.4 of the County Light Pollution Code Article 16 for unshielded lighting;
- b. The lighted text on the sign is red or green on a black background; and,
- c. Complies with all other provisions of the Light Pollution Code and County these Zoning Regulations. Applicant must provide documentation showing maximum lumen capability for each segment of a digital sign to demonstrate ability to meet the total lumen cap per Table 16.14.4 of this Code Article 16.

**Comment [d48]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

**Comment [d49]:** Verbiage changed from "Cochise County Light Pollution Code" to "Article 16 since we inserted the Code into Article 16. Also noted the same below in section "c.".

**Comment [d50]:** Updated to reflect newly numbered table.

**1908.12 Illumination**

For the purpose of these Zoning Regulations, illumination means a shielded light source (except for Digital Signs, which are unshielded), either located within, mounted upon, or directed at a sign for the purpose of making it visible at night. All sign illumination shall comply with the terms of the Cochise County Light Pollution Code Article 16, and shall not include any exposed light source.

**Comment [d51]:** Verbiage changed from "Cochise County Light Pollution Code" to "Article 16 since we inserted the Code into Article 16.

**Article 20 – Exemptions, Exceptions and Nonconformances**

**2002.02 Essential Services Exemptions**

The following Although these uses are exempt from the Zoning Regulations, however, where indicated below, they are not exempt from the Building Code. In addition, these uses may be subject to other governmental regulations adopted by Cochise County and other governmental agencies such as Health, Highway and/or Floodplain Departments. The following uses do not require a building/use permit under these Zoning Regulations:

**Comment [d52]:** Verbiage added to clarify when building code review is required.

**Comment [d53]:** Added the departments that may require review, as section "D" was deleted below.

- A. Rights-of-way for streets, alleys, drainageways and other public and non-public rights-of-way.
- B. Transmission lines for the distribution of franchised public or private utilities, to include meter boxes, pipes, poles, wires, hydrants or similar installations necessary to distribute utilities such as water, gas, wastewater, electricity, telephone, telegraph, television and radio. More substantial structures with a potential to impact the surrounding community, such as substations, booster stations, buildings, water tanks, communication equipment, and communication towers, are not exempt and must be located so as to minimize any adverse impacts generated by that structure. All such structures, however, are exempt from minimum site area requirements of the applicable Zoning District, provided that there is an adequate site area to minimize any adverse impacts of such use. The County Zoning Inspector may waive or modify site development standards for more substantial structures approved as part of a subdivision review process provided that adverse impacts are minimized.
- C. Essential governmental services of public agencies (local, state and federal) including schools and special districts such as drainage, flood control, irrigation, fire, school and sanitation, and including facilities, attendant appurtenances and accessories used by such agencies. Shared uses by public agencies and private parties shall not be exempt unless determined by the County Zoning Inspector that the proposed use by a public agency meets the intent of an essential governmental service. Only public agencies shall be deemed essential government services. The building code does apply to this class of uses.
- D. Uses determined to be exempt under this Section which requires review by the Health or Highway and Floodplain Department shall be required to file for an Informational Permit pursuant to Article 17.

**Comment [d54]:** Rearranged as schools are exempt from zoning because they are a political subdivision of the state per ARS, they are not special districts

**Comment [d55]:** Language added to ensure only actual essential government services are exempt

**Comment [d56]:** Verbiage added to affirm building code permits are required.

**Comment [d57]:** Section deleted as it was inserted above in section "2002.02."

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### Article 22 – Amendments

2204.01 An application to amend these Zoning Regulations shall include:

**Comment [d58]:** Added the number "2" to the section number as it was previously omitted.

### Article 23 – Enforcement

#### 2303 Remedies

All remedies concerning these Zoning Regulations shall be cumulative and not exclusive. Conviction and punishment of any person hereunder shall not relieve such persons from the responsibility of correcting prohibited conditions or removing prohibited buildings, structures, or improvements and shall not prevent the enforced correction or removal thereof. In addition to the other remedies provided herein, any adjacent or neighboring property owner specially damaged by the violation of any provision of these Zoning Regulations may institute, in addition to any other appropriate remedy or proceeding an action for injunction, mandamus, or proceeding to prevent, abate or remove such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance or use.

If a property is in violation for building without a permit the County Zoning Inspector may shorten the length of the permit to complete the project.

**Comment [d59]:** Removing verbiage will allow a permit length to be shortened for any type of violation on the property, such as operating a business without a permit or placing a structure such as a shed or manufactured home on the property without a permit.