

**MENDON CITY
ORDINANCE 2024-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MENDON, UTAH, AMENDING SECTION 16.00 OF THE MENDON CITY ZONING CODE, REGULATING LIGHTS.

WHEREAS, the Mendon City Council is passing an ordinance regulating lights; and

WHEREAS, Mendon City desires to adopt the following with the applicable attachments provided herein;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the mayor and City Council of Mendon City, in the State of Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1: ADOPTION The Mendon City Zoning Ordinance 16.00 identified here as 2024-01 attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted in its entirety as provided in Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2: REPEALER CLAUSE All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith prior to the date of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, subsumed, and replaced with the exhibit adopted herein.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinances as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from October 10, 2024 and after the required approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 10th day of October, 2024.

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor Ed Buist	N/A			
Jon Hardman	X			
Bob Jepsen	X			
Ian Nemelka	X			
Amy Garbe	X			
Brian Myers	X			

Presiding Officer


Ed Buist, Mayor, Mendon City

Attest


James N. Cannon, City Recorder for Mendon City



Exhibit "A"

16.00 LIGHTS

0.00.010 Purpose

The Purpose of this ordinance is to allow city buildings and businesses within the municipality to keep lights on for the security purposes and to display holiday decorations, while exempting them from other lighting regulations enforced in various zoning districts.

0.00.020 Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

1. **City Buildings:** Buildings, properties, and land, owned or leased by the City of Mendon and used for municipal purposes.
2. **Businesses:** Commercial establishments within the municipal boundaries of Mendon City.
3. **Holiday Decorations:** Temporary lighting displays are installed to celebrate recognized holidays or other times of local significance.

0.00.030 Security Lighting

City buildings and businesses are permitted to leave exterior lights on during nighttime hours for the purpose of enhancing security. This lighting shall be designed and positioned to reasonably minimize glare and light trespass onto adjacent properties.

0.00.040 Holiday Lighting

- A. City buildings and businesses may install and operate temporary holiday lighting displays.
- B. These displays may be operational for up to 60 calendar days.
- C. These displays are exempt from any other municipal lighting restrictions during this period.

0.00.050 Exemption from Lighting Regulations

City buildings and businesses are hereby exempt from the following municipal lighting

regulations:

- A. Any ordinances or codes regulating the hours of operation for outdoor lighting.
- B. Restrictions on the brightness or type of lights used, except as noted in Section 0.00.030 to prevent glare and light trespass.
- C. Any other lighting restrictions specific to residential, business, industrial, and agricultural zones within the municipality.

0.00.060 Compliance with Other Regulations

This ordinance does not exempt city buildings and businesses from complying with other applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations regarding electrical and structural safety.

0.00.070 Enforcement

Violations of this chapter may be enforced by any means available to Mendon City including by abatement, civil citation, or criminal prosecution.

- a. **Criminal Penalty.** Violations of this chapter shall constitute a class "C" misdemeanor. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- b. **Civil Penalty.** The maximum civil penalty and fine that may be imposed by the city for a violation of this chapter shall not exceed the amount established in state law for a class "C" misdemeanor. Each day a civil violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.