

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE REGARDING THE  
REGULATION OF  
OUTDOOR/EXTERIOR LIGHTING**

**WHEREAS**, the City does not have regulations governing outdoor/exterior lighting in residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, without such regulations the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of O'Fallon may be adversely affected; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of O'Fallon, that the City adopt a code of regulations governing outdoor/exterior lighting in residential areas.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF O'FALLON, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS;**

Section 1. The forgoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the City Council

Section 2. The City adopts the regulations as stated hereafter for the control of outdoor/exterior lighting in residential areas and further creates Chapter 100 of the City Code of Ordinances for that purpose;

**CHAPTER 100: OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONTROLS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Section

*General Provisions*

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- 100.02 Regulations

## General Provisions

### 100.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**DIRECT LIGHT.** Light emitted directly from the lamp, off of the reflector or reflector diffuser, or though the refractor or diffuser lens, of a luminaire.

**DOWN LIGHTING.** For an exterior luminaire, light emitted in the hemisphere below the horizontal plane.

**FLOOD LIGHT.** Any light fixture or lamp that incorporates a reflector or a refractor to concentrate the light output into a directed beam in a particular direction.

**GLARE.** Light emitting from a luminaire with an intensity great enough to reduce a viewer's ability to see, and in extreme cases causing momentary blindness.

**LIGHT TRESPASS.** Light emitted by a lighting installation that falls outside the boundaries of the property on which the installation is sited.

**LUMINAIRE.** The complete lighting unit assembly (fixture), consisting of a lamp, or lamps and ballast(s) (when applicable), together with the parts designed to distribute the light (reflector, lens, diffuser), to position and protect the lamps, and to connect the lamps to the power supply.

**UPLIGHT.** For an exterior luminaire, light emitted in the hemisphere at or above the horizontal plane.

### 100.02 REGULATIONS.

In addition to the lighting controls set forth in Zoning Code of Ordinances, Article 11, Parking and Loading Regulations, off-street, exterior lighting in residential areas shall be shielded and/or directed in such a manner that it illuminates only the user's premises and does not spill over into neighboring residential areas so as to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of residential or public properties. The following lighting controls shall apply in all residential areas:

- (1) Light level shall be no greater than one foot-candle of illumination at any property line.
- (2) Flood Lights are only permitted when they are down-lighted and installed such that the fixture shall be aimed down at least forty-five (45) degrees from vertical.
- (3) The Planning Director may require shields to be installed on any lights determined to

be a nuisance before, during or after the installation when needed to further reduce glare and lighting trespass.

- (4) In addition to being in compliance with the above sections, no exterior lighting shall be used in any manner that could interfere with the safe movement of motor vehicles on public thoroughfares.
- (5) Luminaires used for uplighting for flags, address markers, trees, architectural features, and low landscape lighting must be located, aimed, and shielded so that direct illumination is focused exclusively on the object and away from adjoining properties and public thoroughfares.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and its publication in the manner provided by law.

Passed by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

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ATTEST: Approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day  
 (seal) of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

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 Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

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 Gary L. Graham, Mayor

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Grogan	McCoskey	True	Polites	Reckamp	Medford	Drolet, J.	<b>SUB TOTALS</b>
<b>Aye</b>								
<b>Nay</b>								
<b>Absent</b>								

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Mouser	Renner	Bennett	Engler	Drolet, N.	Albrecht	Cozad	<b>SUB TOTALS</b>	<b>SUM OF TOTALS</b>
<b>Aye</b>									
<b>Nay</b>									
<b>Absent</b>									