

### C. Lighting.

Statement of Purpose: Ensure appropriate outdoor lighting by addressing the issues of safety, efficiency, the environment and aesthetics.

- (1) Definitions: For the purposes of this Section, terms used shall be defined as follows:
  - (a) Authority having jurisdiction – The Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officer.
  - (b) Direct Light – Light emitted directly from the lamp, off the reflector or reflector diffuser, through the refractor or diffuser lens, or from a luminaire.
  - (c) Fixture – The assembly that houses the lamp(s), including but not limited to housing, mounting bracket or pole socket, lamp holder, ballast, reflector or mirror, and/or a refractor or lens.
  - (d) Flood or Spot Luminaire – Any luminaire that incorporates a reflector or a refractor to concentrate the light output into a directed beam.
  - (e) Indirect Lighting – Direct light that has been reflected or scattered off other surfaces.
  - (f) Luminaire Height – The vertical distance from the ground directly below the centerline of the luminaire to the lowest direct-light-emitting part of the luminaire.
  - (g) Lamp – The component of a luminaire that produces light.
  - (h) Lumen – A unit of luminous flux. One foot-candle is equal to one lumen per square foot. For the purposes of this section, the lumen-output values shall be the initial lumen output ratings of a lamp.
  - (i) Luminaire – A complete lighting system, including lamp(s) and/or fixture(s).
  - (j) Outdoor Lighting – Nighttime illumination of an outside area or object by any man-made device located outdoors that produces light by any means.
  - (k) Temporary Outdoor Lighting – Outdoor lighting in place for less than fourteen (14) days, with at least eighty (80) days passing before being used again.
- (2) Regulations: Unless determined to be a safety hazard or in violation of any state or federal law, all outdoor lighting installed in the City of Rockland shall comply with this section, except for the following: lighting installed and maintained for public safety by Municipal, State or Federal government; approved signs; external illumination of flags; approved lighting for athletic fields; temporary outdoor lighting; holiday lighting; luminaires with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of 2,000 lumens or less.
  - (a) No luminaire shall produce a stray, dazzling light or reflection onto neighboring residential properties, or onto any public road so as to impair the vision of any driver.
  - (b) Luminaires shall be shielded or hooded so that the lighting elements are not exposed to normal view by motorists, pedestrians, or from adjacent buildings. No luminaire shall emit any direct light above a its horizontal plane. The Planning Board may grant exceptions for lights that are aesthetically consistent with decorative streetlights and located on parcels adjacent to such streetlights.
  - (c) No flood or spot luminaire of any lumen output rating shall be aimed, directed or focused toward any adjacent or nearby residential parcel.
  - (d) Rather than leaving security lights on, the use of motion sensors is encouraged.
  - (e) Direct or indirect illumination shall not exceed one-half (1/2) foot-candles upon abutting residential properties.
  - (f) Unless otherwise approved by the authority having jurisdiction, luminaire height, including the base, shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in non-residential areas and fourteen (14) feet when adjacent to residential zones or neighborhoods. Exceptions may be granted only when it can be demonstrated that the intent of this section will still be substantially met.
- (3) Existing Non-Conforming Luminaires:
  - (a) The continued use of non-conforming luminaires legally existing as of the effective date of this section shall be permitted unless determined to be a safety hazard or in violation of any State or Federal laws.
  - (b) Non-conforming luminaires replaced or moved after the effective date of this section shall comply with the provisions of this section. Eff: 8/9/06