



**CITY OF MONROE
JUDICIARY AND
ORDINANCE REVIEW
COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Date: April 22, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: City Hall Council Chambers - 1110 18th Avenue

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- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES - MARCH 25, 2024
- C. BUSINESS
 - 1. Approval and Recommendation of Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Section 5-7-25 of the Monroe City Code: Exterior Lighting Standards
 - Individual Requesting Item Zoning Administration
 - Expected Length of Discussion 5 min
- D. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS
- E. ADJOURNMENT

This Judiciary and Ordinance Review Committee may take any action it considers appropriate related to any item on this agenda.

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Members: Chair Chris Schindler, Richard Thoman, Tom Miller and Heidi Treuthardt



City of Monroe Item Coversheet

Meeting Date: 4/22/2024

Individual Requesting Item: Zoning Administration

Expected Length of Discussion: 5 min

Issue

The attached ordinance changes are consistent with the discussion at the last Plan Commission meeting to alter the lighting requirements in our city code to be consistent with industry standards.

Background Information

Financial Impact

Recommendation

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Ordinance Changes	Ordinance	4/2/2024

Public Hearing Date: ____/____/____

ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 5-7-25 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: EXTERIOR LIGHTING STANDARDS

THE COUNCIL of the city of Monroe does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 5-7-25 of the Monroe City Code is hereby repealed and re-created as follows:

§ 5-7-25 Exterior lighting standards.

- (1) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide illumination levels on sites for function and safety as well as regulate the spillover of light and glare on operators of motor vehicles, pedestrians, and nearby land uses in the vicinity of a light source in order to promote traffic safety and to prevent the creation of nuisances.
- (2) Applicability. The requirements of this section apply to all exterior lighting within the jurisdiction of this Title 5, except for lighting within public rights-of-way.
- (3) Review and approval. All developments and redevelopments will be reviewed for conformance with this section through the site plan review process (see § 5-10-31).
- (4) Depiction on required site plan. All exterior lighting shall be depicted as to its location, orientation, and configuration on the site plan required for the development of the subject property.
- (5) Exterior lighting requirements.
 - (a) In no instance shall an exterior lighting fixture be oriented so that the lighting element (or a clear shield) is visible from a property located within a residential zoning district. The use of shielded luminaries and careful fixture placement is encouraged so as to facilitate compliance with this requirement.
 - (b) Flashing, flickering and/or other lighting which may distract motorists are prohibited.
 - (c) Intensity of illumination.
 1. In no instance shall the amount of illumination attributable to exterior lighting, as measured at the property line, exceed 0.50 footcandle above ambient lighting conditions on a cloudless night.
 2. The maximum average on-site lighting in nonresidential zoning districts shall be 3.0 footcandles.
 3. The maximum average on-site lighting in residential zoning districts shall be 1.0 footcandles.
 4. The following exceptions shall be permitted.
 - a. The maximum average allowable on-site lighting of outdoor recreation facilities and assembly areas is 4.0 footcandles.
 - b. The maximum average on-site lighting of auto display lots and gas station pump islands is 25.0 footcandles, provided that lighting is dimmed to 3.0 footcandles when business is closed. All under-

the-canopy fixtures shall be fully recessed.

5. Reflected glare onto nearby buildings, streets, or pedestrian areas is prohibited.

(d) Fixtures and luminaries.

1. Outdoor lighting shall be full cut-off fixtures and downward facing and no direct light shall transmit onto adjacent properties.

a. Exempt from this requirement are decorative light fixtures with frosted glass lamps, and any fixtures using a light bulb with a factory-rated light output of 1,700 lumens or less, including 100-watt incandescent bulbs and 100-watt-equivalent compact florescent bulbs.

2. The color and design of fixtures shall be compatible with the building and public lighting in the area and shall be uniform throughout the entire development site.

3. The maximum fixture mounting height by zoning district shall be:

a. Sixteen feet in the RH-30, SR-3, SR-4, SR-5, SR-7, DR-8, and TR-10 Zoning Districts.

b. Twenty feet in the MR-15, MR-30, MH-7, NMU, I, SMU, UMU, CMU, and IOA Zoning Districts.

c. Twenty-five feet in the BP, LI, HI, and EX Zoning Districts.

4. All lighting fixtures existing prior to the effective date of this Title 5 shall be considered legal nonconforming fixtures.

(e) All areas designated on required site plans for vehicular parking, loading, or circulation and used for any such purpose after sunset shall provide artificial illumination in such areas at a minimum intensity of 0.4 footcandle.

(6) Additional lighting requirements for intensive outdoor recreation uses.

(a) Lighting shall be set to automatically shut off when there is no scheduled play and shall be extinguished no later than 10:00 p.m. Lower light levels for off-the-field lighting may be provided for an additional one hour for safe egress.

(b) The mounting height for light fixtures shall be no greater than 1/4 the distance to the nearest property line from where the light fixture is located.

(c) Light fixtures of up to ~~100~~75 feet in height ~~may~~shall be permitted ~~through the conditional use process-by-right~~, provided the applicant demonstrates compliance with the other provisions of the Section, particularly Subsection (6)(~~be~~), above.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall be in full force on the day following passage and official publication.

Dated the 6th day of May, 2024.

Passed the 6th day of May, 2024.

Published the ____ day of May, 2024.

Donna Douglas, Mayor

Nikolai Wahl, City Clerk