

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. TBD – SERIES 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN,
COLORADO AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 17 OF THE
MINTURN MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn (“Town”) is a Colorado home rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Town of Minturn Home Rule Charter for which the Minturn Town Council (“Town Council”) is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn 2025-2027 Strategic Plan (hereinafter the “Strategic Plan”) seeks to “To ensure Minturn’s future as a neighborly mountain community,” and to practice and exhibit “Integrity,” “Transparency,” “Collaboration,” and “Resourcefulness” through specific strategic priorities;

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan contains specific priorities in support of proposed amendments to Chapter 16, Zoning; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Town completed a comprehensive update to the 2009 Community Plan to create the 2023 Imagine Minturn Community Plan (hereinafter the “Community Plan”); and

WHEREAS, a key objective of the Community Plan is to review and update the Town’s zoning, land use, development and design regulations and standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has directed staff to draft text amendments to Chapter 16 of the Minturn Municipal Code (hereinafter the “MMC”), the Town Land Use Regulations, from time to time, in accordance with the Town’s Strategic Plan and Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, at their regularly scheduled meeting of September 3, 2024, the Town Council considered and approved Ordinance No. 19, Series 2024, authorizing certain amendments to Section 16-17-180 - *Exterior illumination standards*, MMC; and

WHEREAS, at their regularly scheduled meeting of September 3, 2024, the Town Council directed staff to bring forth additional, subsequent amendments to Section 16-17-180 – *Exterior illumination standards*, MMC, to update definitions related to and differentiating between holiday lighting and festoon-style lighting, and to add daily time limits applicable for holiday lighting illumination; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2025, the Minturn Planning Commission considered this ordinance and recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2025, the Minturn Town Council approved this ordinance on first reading; and

WHEREAS, the Minturn Planning Commission and Town Council have determined that the text amendments to Chapter 16 of the Minturn Municipal Code as provided herein are necessary and proper.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

SECTION 2. Chapter 16 of the Minturn Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows, with additions shown in double underlined text and language to be deleted shown as ~~strike through~~ text. Sections of Chapter 16 which are not expressly described in this Ordinance are deemed to continue to be in full effect without change.

Sec. 16-17-180. – Exterior Illumination Standards.

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(b) Definitions. For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

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Festoon lighting means a string of outdoor globe-style lights suspended between two or more points or structures, such as beams, poles, or posts. Festoon lights are commonly referred to as “party lights” or “café-style lights” and are typically associated with permanent outdoor lighting solutions for outdoor spaces such as backyards, patio areas, or common, public gathering areas.

Holiday/ornamental lighting means ~~festoon-type lights~~ seasonal lighting of a temporary nature intended to celebrate recognized holidays occurring throughout the calendar year and which may include low-level lighting such as festoon lighting, holiday light stringers, or similar.

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(f) Exemptions. The following exterior light fixtures shall be exempt from the regulations contained in this Article:

- (1) Illumination of the United States flag, provided that such lighting does not interfere with the vision of drivers or pedestrians or otherwise create an unsafe condition for the public. No more than two (2) lights per pole are permitted.

- (2) Lights and lighting devices which are part of a Town event, Town display, or public gathering, so long as the event, display, or gathering is of a temporary, seasonal, or periodic nature.
- (3) ~~Holiday/ornamental~~ lighting limited to illumination between sunrise and ten o'clock (10:00) P.M., M.S.T.
- (4) Festoon lighting.
- (5) Construction lighting used for the purpose of illuminating construction work activities, provided that the illumination source is directed internally towards the project site and is turned off each night when work is halted.
- (5) Any light source that is used by an emergency service provider.

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INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, APPROVED ON THE FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY AND POSTED IN FULL ON THE OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE THE ___ DAY OF _____ 2025. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE HELD AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO ON THE ___ DAY OF _____ 2025 AT 5:30 p.m. AT THE MINTURN TOWN HALL 302 PINE STREET, MINTURN COLORADO 81645.

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO

Earle Bidez, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk

THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO, ORDAINS THIS ORDINANCE ENACTED ON SECOND READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY AND POSTED IN FULL ON THE OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE THIS ___ DAY OF _____ 2025.

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO

Earle Bidez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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