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Residential Lighting Ordinance



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Building an Inclusive Community



History

- 2006 – proposed addition of § 10-701 to § 10-709 to create a light emission standard and provide penalties for light trespass.
 - *Light Trespass.* The shining of light produced by a luminaire beyond the boundaries of the property on which it is located.
- 2011 – adopted Commercial Lighting Ordinance (codified at § 36-549).
- 2019 – considered but did not adopt a Residential Lighting Ordinance.

2026



3500 Grand Canyon Drive



ARTICLE XII

RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING STANDARDS

- Purpose and Intent
- Applicability
- Definitions
 - **Light Trespass** means artificial light emitted from one property that extends beyond the property boundary in a manner that substantially interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of neighboring property.
- Performance Standards
- Complaint Investigations – Code Enforcement
- Administrative Compliance Period
- Appeals
- Violations

CHAPTER 16

- ▣ CHAPTER 16 HEALTH AND SAFETY
 - ▣ ARTICLE 16-I HEALTH AND SAFETY, AIR QUALITY CONTROL
 - ▣ ARTICLE 16-II NOISE CONTROL
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 - ▣ ARTICLE 16-IV INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT PROGRAM
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 - ▣ ARTICLE 16-VII GRAY WATER
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 - ▣ ARTICLE 16-IX TREE PROTECTION
 - ▣ ARTICLE 16-X UTILITY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
 - ▣ ARTICLE 16-XI UNSOLICITED WRITTEN MATERIALS



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Concerns

- Complaint Investigation – Code Enforcement
 - b) Upon receiving a complaint, Code Enforcement shall investigate the lighting to determine whether it complies with this section.

Norman City Council hears lighting ordinance

June 7, 2006 Updated Oct 10, 2014

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But the proposed ordinance ran into trouble over how to enforce it.

“From a staff point of view, you are asking for a night time enforcement, which would be a problem,” said City Manager Brad Gambill, who said evening staff is already having trouble keeping up with complaint calls from

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

17 POSITIONS

Code Compliance

Code Compliance Supervisor (1)

Code Compliance Inspector (4)

Admin. Tech. II (1)

PPT Oil & Gas Inspector (1)



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No person shall disturb the peace of another by:

- a) Violent, obstreperous, or improper conduct or carriage which in its common acceptance is calculated, or where the natural consequence is to cause an assault, battery or other breach of the peace;
- b) Unseemly, obscene, offensive, insulting or abusive language which, in its common acceptance, is calculated, or where the natural consequence is, to cause an assault, battery, or other breach of the peace;
- c) Playing or creating loud or unusual sounds;
- d) Circulating literature which casts ridicule upon any deity or religion, which in its common acceptance is calculated to cause an assault, battery, or other breach of the peace;
- e) Displaying any sign, emblem, badge, flag or other device, which in its common acceptance is calculated, or where the natural consequence is, to cause an assault, battery, or other breach of the peace.
- f) Creating or maintaining light trespass that substantially disturbs the peace, comfort, or repose of occupants of neighboring property. "Light trespass" means artificial light originating on one property that extends onto another property and substantially interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of that property. Nothing herein shall prohibit lighting required by law, temporary emergency lighting, or holiday lighting, provided such lighting is not directed toward neighboring dwellings in a manner that substantially interferes with their reasonable use and enjoyment.

Chapter 24

Article 24-IV

☐ ARTICLE 24-IV OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE

- ☐ 24-401 Assault; Battery
- ☐ 24-402 Discharging Firearms, Exceptions
- ☐ 24-403 Disturbing The Peace
- ☐ 24-404 Possession Of Certain Weapons, Exceptions
- ☐ 24-405 Unlawful Assembly
- ☐ 24-406 Nuisance Party
- ☐ 24-407 No Person Shall Attend Or Contribute To A Nuisance Party



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