

COUNTY OF HORRY )  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

ORDINANCE 14-2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING APPENDIX B OF THE HORRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR LIGHT AND GLARE REGARDING EXTERIOR LIGHTING.**

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Ordinance shall address provisions for exterior lighting by adding language regarding the direction, control, and intensity of illumination; and,

**WHEREAS**, the amended Zoning Ordinance sections shall reference recognized lighting industry standards for exterior fixture types; and,

**WHEREAS**, exceptions for street lights, temporary, seasonal, decorative, and low wattage lights, and otherwise permitted signs shall be provided; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the County Council to ensure lighting design and illumination accomplishes the on-site need for exterior lighting without trespass onto adjoining properties.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the power and authority granted to the Horry County Council by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the powers granted to the County by the General Assembly of the State, it is ordained and enacted that:

1. **Amendment of Zoning Appendix B, Article V, Section 520.** Section 520 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

(All text in ~~strike through~~ shall be deleted and all text shown **underlined and bolded** shall be added)

520. Light and glare.

**Exterior lighting shall meet functional and security needs in a way that does not adversely affect the adjacent properties or street right-of-way. Lighting shall be oriented and shielded to provide onsite illumination that minimally impacts the surrounding environment.**

520.3 Public streetlights, **temporary lighting, seasonal decorations, and decorative lighting** are exempt from this requirement.

**520.4 Lighting of predominately horizontal surfaces. Light fixtures shall be full-cutoff that meet Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) criteria, and shall be aimed straight down.**

**520.5 Lighting of predominately non-horizontal surfaces. Light fixtures in excess of one hundred (100) watts or two hundred (200) lumens shall be full-cutoff or directionally shielded and shall be aimed and controlled so that light is confined, as much as possible, to the objects that are intended to be lit and does not project into the windows of neighboring**

residences, adjacent uses, past the object being illuminated, skyward, or onto a public roadway.

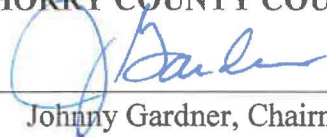
520.6 Excessive illumination. Lighting within any lot that unnecessarily illuminates and substantially interferes with the use or enjoyment of any other property is prohibited. Blinking or flashing lights shall be prohibited unless the lights are required as a safety feature or as permitted as part of a sign in accordance with Article X. Sign Regulations.

5. **Severability:** If a Section, Sub-section, or part of this Ordinance shall be deemed or found to conflict with a provision of South Carolina law, or other pre-emptive legal principle, then that Section, Sub-section, or part of this Ordinance shall be deemed ineffective, but the remaining parts of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

6. **Conflict with Preceding Ordinances:** If a Section, Sub-section or provision of this Ordinance shall conflict with the provisions of a Section, Sub-section or part of a preceding Ordinance of Horry County, then the preceding Section, Sub-section, or part shall be deemed repealed and no longer in effect.

7. **Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall become effective upon third reading.

**HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL**



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Attest:



Patricia S. Hartley, Clerk to Council

First Reading: February 4, 2020  
Second Reading: February 18, 2020  
Third Reading: March 10, 2020