

STATE OF GEORGIA

HENRY COUNTY

**Ordinance No. 13-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 SITE DESIGN STANDARDS,  
SECTION 4.01.09 OUTDOOR LIGHTING STANDARDS OF THE UNIFIED LAND  
DEVELOPMENT CODE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS AND  
PROCEDURES**

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**WHEREAS**, the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) was adopted and made a part of the Henry County Code of Ordinances by the Henry County Board of Commissioners on September 15, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry County's Outdoor Lighting Standards are codified in Section 4.01.09 of the ULDC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Henry County Board of Commissioners intends to provide easily understood and efficient procedures for complying with the Outdoor Lighting Standards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Henry County Board of Commissioners (BOC), and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that:

**I.**

The BOC amends the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) Section 4.01.09 Outdoor Lighting Standards to read as follows:

**4.01.09 Outdoor Lighting Standards**

The intent of this ordinance is to preserve, protect, and enhance the lawful nighttime use and enjoyment of any and all property through the use of appropriate lighting practices and systems. Such individual fixtures and lighting systems are designed, constructed, and installed to control glare, minimize obtrusive light, conserve energy and resources while maintaining safety, security and productivity, and curtail the degradation of the nighttime visual environment.

- A. Lighting in all districts shall be established in such a way that no direct light is cast upon or adversely affects adjacent properties and roadways. This section shall not apply to lighting established by governmental authority within public rights-of-way.
- B. Submittal requirements: The applicant for any permit of work involving outdoor lighting fixtures governed by this Section shall submit, as part of the site plan, evidence that the proposed work will comply with this Article. The following information must be included for all nonresidential site plan submissions and all plans for uses ancillary to residential uses such as club houses, amenity areas, etc.
  - 1. Location, type and height of all freestanding, building-mounted and canopy light fixtures, shall be shown on the site plan and building elevations.
  - 2. Photometric grid overlaid on the proposed site plan indicating the overall light for intensity throughout the site (in footcandles). No Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion shall be issued until the photometric grid has been approved by the inspector or Administrator.
  - 3. Specifications and details for the type of fixture being proposed including the total lumen output, type of lamp and method of shielding.
  - 4. Use of fixture proposed; and
  - 5. Any other information deemed necessary by the Administrator and/or Building Inspector.
- C. General provisions: The design and illumination standards of this ordinance shall apply to all exterior lighting sources and other light sources visible from the public right-of-way or adjacent parcels, except where specifically exempted herein.
  - 1. Shielding: Exterior lighting shall be fully shielded and directed downward, and shall utilize full cutoff housings, louvers, glare shields, optics, reflectors or other measures to prevent off-site glare and minimize light pollution.
  - 2. Intensity: The intensity of light within a site shall not exceed 10.0 footcandles within any site; however the Administrator or designee may permit a maximum intensity of 20.0 footcandles provided that such lighting is otherwise in compliance with this ordinance and 1.0 footcandles at any property line or street right-of-way line. Where the subject property abuts a residential district or existing residential

use, the intensity shall not exceed 0.5 footcandles at the property line.

3. Measurement: Light intensity levels shall be measured on the horizontal plane at grade level within the site, and on the vertical plane of any property line or street right-of-way line at a height of five feet above grade level.
4. Decorative light fixtures: The Administrator or designee may approve decorative light fixtures as an alternative to shielded fixtures, provided that such fixtures would enhance the aesthetics of the site and would not cause off-site glare or light pollution.
5. Wall-mounted lights shall be cut-off, down directional with a maximum of 250 watts per fixture. The Administrator may approve wall-mounted lights to up to 400 watts when there are unique limitations and conflicts associated with a site.

D. Exemptions: The following are exempt from the lighting requirements of this section:

1. Roadway and Airport lighting and lighting activated by motion sensor devices;
2. Temporary circus, fair, carnival, or civic events;
3. Construction or emergency lighting, provided such lighting is temporary and is discontinued immediately upon completion of the construction work or abatement of the emergency necessitating said lighting;
4. Temporary lighting;
5. Lighting associated with agricultural activities.
6. Athletic fields.
7. Swimming pools.
8. Holiday decorations.
9. Shielded pedestrian walkway lighting.
10. Residential lighting with no-offsite glare.
11. Street lights.
12. Other uses deemed reasonable by the Administrator

II.

It is the intention of the BOC, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Henry County, Georgia, and the sections and articles of the Code may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

III.

All ordinances, parts of ordinance, or regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

IV.

Should any section, part or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

V.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption, the public welfare demanding it.

**BE IT SO ORDAINED, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY 2013**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF HENRY COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Tommy N. Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Shay Mathis, County Clerk