

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 21st day of September, 2021:

<u>MEMBERS:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
Crystal L. Vanuch, Chairman	Yes
Cindy C. Lamb, Vice Chairman	Yes
Tinesha O. Allen	Absent
Meg Bohmke	Yes
Thomas C. Coen	Yes
L. Mark Dudenhefer	Yes
Gary F. Snellings	Yes

On motion of Mr. Snellings, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0, the following was adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN STAFFORD COUNTY CODE SEC. 28-87, "OUTDOOR LIGHTING STANDARDS" TO AMEND LIGHTING STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL USES

WHEREAS, the purpose of outdoor lighting standards in the Zoning Ordinance is to establish adequate and consistent lighting levels for various uses that minimize glare, light trespass, over-lighting, and skyglow, while improving safety and security, and energy conservation for businesses and residents of Stafford County; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Zoning Ordinance provisions regarding outdoor lighting standards to amend such standards and how those standards shall apply to industrial uses; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and staff, and the public testimony, if any, received at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices require adoption of such an ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 21st day of September, 2021, that Stafford County Code Sec. 28-87, "Outdoor lighting standards," be and it hereby is amended and reordained as follows, with all other portions remaining unchanged:

Sec. 28-87. - Outdoor lighting standards.

(d) *Outdoor lighting standards for nonresidential uses.*

(1) The average maintained lighting levels for nonresidential uses shall meet the following standards:

c. ~~A minimum of one footcandle shall be maintained on the site during non-daylight hours except as required along common property lines of the development and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right-of-way. Industrial uses that are not open to the general public shall provide one and one-half (1.5) footcandles average maintained lighting levels for parking lots, along fronts of buildings and main drive aisles, and the maximum lighting level to average lighting level ratio shall not exceed 3.5 to 1.~~

d. The minimum maintained lighting levels for nonresidential uses shall meet the following standards:

1. A minimum of one (1) footcandle shall be maintained during non-daylight hours, except as required along common property lines of the development and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right-of-way.

2. Industrial uses that are not open to the general public shall maintain a minimum of five-tenths (0.5) footcandle during non-daylight hours, except as required along common property lines of the development and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right-of-way.

(4) Lighting levels shall be reduced to security lighting levels within thirty (30) minutes after the close of business or the end of the business activities involving the public. Security lighting levels shall be achieved by extinguishing at least fifty (50) percent of the total number of lights, by dimming lighting levels to no more than fifty (50) percent of the levels used during business or activity hours or no less than ~~one footcandle~~ required minimum lighting levels, or some combination thereof. Business or activity hours are defined by any time when the business is open to the public. Such reduced security lighting levels shall not apply to industrial uses that are not open to the general public, except where average maintained lighting levels are five (5) footcandles or greater.

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Frederick J. Presley
County Administrator