

CITY OF PARK RIDGE

ORDINANCE 2023 – 62

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE
REGARDING RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING (ZA-23-0006)**

WHEREAS, the City of Park Ridge is an Illinois home rule municipality operating under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule powers, the City has enacted zoning regulations that have been codified as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge (“Zoning Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 4.8 of the Zoning Ordinance, the City of Park Ridge applied for proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 11.3 of the Zoning Ordinance to modify residential lighting regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to legal notice required by law, including notice in the Park Ridge Herald Advocate on August 3, 2023, a public hearing on the proposed amendments was convened by the Planning and Zoning Commission (“P&Z”) on August 22, 2023, and continued to September 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the public hearing, the P&Z voted 7-0 to adopt findings of fact and recommend to the City Council approval of the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered the findings and recommendation of the P&Z and finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois, pursuant to its home rule authority provided under Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 as follows:

SECTION 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are the City Council’s legislative findings and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2: Findings. The City Council of the City of Park Ridge hereby adopts the findings of the P&Z as contained in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Amendments to Section 11.3. Section 11.3 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to reflect changes in residential lighting regulations, which new language is presented as follows (**bold double-underlined text** to be added; ~~struck through text~~ to be deleted; omitted language is not intended to be amended):

“SECTION 11.3 – EXTERIOR LIGHTING

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(a) Light Trespass and Distraction. ~~No exterior lighting shall produce glare into, or upon, the surrounding area or any residential premises. In addition,~~ no exterior lighting may be used in any manner that could interfere with the safe movement of motor vehicles on public thoroughfares. Specifically, the following types of light trespass are prohibited:

(1) Any light not designed for roadway illumination that produces direct or reflected glare that could disturb the operator of a motor vehicle.

(2) Any light that may be confused with, or construed as, a traffic control device, except as authorized by state, federal or local government.

~~(3) In addition, motor vehicle service station lighting shall comply with the requirements of Section 10.3.J and drive-through facilities shall comply with Section 10.3.F.~~

(b) Levels of Light Trespass. The following levels of light trespass shall be permitted: provided, in all residential districts, permanent outdoor lights shall be aimed down and/or shielded to avoid the projection of lights onto nearby properties. Security lights in these districts are required to be motion sensitive. Outdoor Recreation/Sport Court Lights are subjected to supplemental regulations noted in subparagraph (5) below.

(1) No lighting source shall cause more than one-tenth (0.1) footcandle of illumination to cross the property line of an adjoining R-1, R-2 or R-3 zoned property.

(2) No lighting source shall cause more than two-tenths (0.2) footcandle of illumination to cross the property line of an adjoining R-4, R-5 or O zoned property.

(3) No lighting source shall cause more than two (2.0) footcandles of illumination to cross the property line of an adjoining commercially zoned property.

(4) Subject to paragraph (a), no lighting source shall cause more than five (5.0) footcandles of illumination to cross any public way in commercial areas.

(5) Outdoor Recreation/Sport Court lights shall not be mounted more than eighteen (18) feet above established grade. Light fixtures shall not be illuminated when the outdoor recreation/sport court structure is not in use and shall not be illuminated between ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. and dawn.

(c) String Lighting. ~~Unshielded Lighting.~~ The use of string unshielded lighting, including incandescent light bulbs hung or strung on poles, wires, or any other type of support, are permitted, provided the lights comply with light trespass levels in subsection b.1 above, and complies with the height limits in subsection d.2 below.

(d) Light Pole and Building-Mounted Lighting Heights. The maximum height of light poles on private property, as measured from grade at the base to the bottom of the luminaire, shall be as specified below. These standards do not apply to public right-of-way lighting. Permitted light pole heights shall be as follows:

(1) Non-Residential Districts. Lights poles and building-mounted fixtures shall be designed with fully shielded luminaires. Such poles or mounts shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet in height. The Planning and Zoning Commission may approve, in appropriate circumstances as part of site plan review, a pole or mount of up to twenty-four (24) feet.

(2) Residential Districts. Light poles for single- and two-family dwellings shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height. Light poles for non-residential, multi-family and townhouse uses shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height. Lighting, including under-soffit lighting mounted upon a single-family, two-family or townhouse residential dwelling shall not be mounted higher than ten (10) feet above grade as defined in this Ordinance. Light poles on school sites or that light public outdoor recreational facilities shall not exceed twenty-four (24) feet in height.

(e) Automatic Teller Machines. All exterior lighting for automatic teller machines (ATMs) shall comply with the Automated Teller Machine Security Act (205 ILCS 695/1 et seq). All exterior lighting for ATMs

in drive-through facilities shall be designed with luminaires recessed under the canopy to minimize light pollution.

(f) Motor vehicle service station lighting shall comply with the requirements of Section 10.3.J and drive-through facilities shall comply with Section 10.3.F.

SECTION 4: Superseding Effect. The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against other existing ordinances of the City to the extent of any conflicts.

SECTION 5: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 6: Publication. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form according to law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Park Ridge this 6th day of November 2023.

VOTE:

AYES:	Alderperson Moran, Sanchez, Lawrence, Harrington, Steinfels, Biagi and Lefler (7)
NAYS:	None (0)
ABSTAIN:	None (0)
ABSENT:	None (0)

Approved by me this 6th day of November 2023.

Marty Maloney, Mayor

Attest:

Sal Raspanti, City Clerk

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BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Park Ridge, Illinois

In the Matter of
Text Amendments to Section 11.3
(Regarding Residential Lighting)

Case No. ZA-23-0006

FINDINGS OF FACT

This matter having come before the Planning and Zoning Commission for a hearing for text amendments to Section 11.3 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding residential lighting; the Commission having held a public hearing on August 22, 2023 continued to September 26, 2023 with due notice published in the *Park Ridge Herald Advocate* on August 3, 2023 as required by law; and having heard evidence on the matter, based on the evidence presented, as reflected in the minutes of these proceedings, and for the reasons indicated in the minutes of this Commission in this case, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds that the following facts have been established based on the standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance:

1. The extent to which the proposed amendments promote the public health, safety, comfort and convenience and general welfare of the City.

The proposed amendments promote the public health, safety, comfort and convenience, and general welfare of the City by providing language that encourages easy compliance in residential lighting enforcement.

2. The relative gain to the public, as compared to the hardship imposed upon the applicant.

There is no hardship posed on the applicant. The relative gain to the public is clearer language in regards to residential lighting.

3. The consistency of the proposed amendments with the Comprehensive Plan.

N/A

4. The consistency of the proposed amendments with the intent and general regulations of this Ordinance.

The proposed amendments are consistent with the intent and general regulations of this Ordinance.

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5. Whether the proposed amendments correct an error or omission, adds clarification to existing requirements, or reflects a change in policy.

The proposed amendments add clarification for residential lighting regulations.

6. That the proposed amendments will benefit the residents of the City as a whole, and not just the applicant, property owner(s), neighbors of any property under consideration, or other special interest groups, and the extent to which the proposed use would be in the public interest and would not serve solely the interest of the applicant.

The proposed amendments will benefit the City by providing clearer regulations for lighting on properties. This clarification promotes an easier enforcement process that benefits residents, property owners, and staff.

7. Whether the proposed amendments provide a more workable way to achieve the intent and purposes of this Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed amendments provide a more workable way to understand lighting regulations in the City by providing clearer language that is more generally compliant for residents.

8. The extent to which the proposed amendments creates nonconformities.

N/A

9. The extent to which the proposed amendments are consistent with the overall structure and organization of this Ordinance.

The proposed amendments are consistent with the overall structure and organization of this Ordinance.



9/26/2023

Date Approved

Jim Hanlon, Chair