

TOWN OF LASALLE, COLORADO

ORDINANCE 14-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE LASALLE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITON OF A NEW SECTION 16-95 - EXTERIOR LIGHTING

WHEREAS, both minimum and maximum light levels and shielding of light fixtures are needed to provide adequate lighting for citizen safety without creating a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of LaSalle, Colorado desires to establish outdoor lighting standards for new development and new outdoor lighting fixtures on existing properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LASALLE, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Chapter 16 – Zoning, Article IV. – Regulations Applicable to all Zoning Districts, of the LaSalle Municipal Code is hereby amended with the addition of Section 16-95.- Exterior Lighting, to read as follows:**

Sec. 16-95. Exterior lighting.

(a) *Purpose.* The purposes of this Section are to:

- (1) Allow the use of exterior lighting that does not exceed the levels specified in International Engineering Society (IES) recommended practices for night-time safety, utility, security, productivity, enjoyment, and commerce.
- (2) Minimize adverse off-site impacts of lighting such as light trespass and obtrusive light.
- (3) Limit light pollution and reduce skyglow.
- (4) Help protect the natural environment from the adverse effects of night lighting from gas and oil extraction activities or electric services.
- (5) Conserve energy and resources to the greatest extent possible.
- (6) Encourage exterior lighting that is functional, aesthetically pleasing, and complimentary to the architectural style of buildings or setting.

(b) *Applicability.*

- (1) *Generally.* This Section applies to all exterior lighting within the Town. All exterior lighting installed after the effective date of this Land Use Code shall comply with this Section.
- (2) *Exemptions.*

- a. Because of their limited hours of operation and their unique requirements for nighttime visibility, playing fields, tennis courts, and similar outdoor recreational uses (both public and private, unless otherwise restricted by the Town) are exempt from the general provisions of this section. However, exterior lighting for those uses is terminated within an hour of the activity's conclusion or as otherwise identified within this Land Use Code.
- b. Full cutoff street lighting as part of a federal, state, or municipal installation.
- c. Holiday lighting before and after the holiday.
- d. Specialized lighting necessary for safety, such as temporary lighting associated with emergency operations, road hazard warnings, etc.
- e. Traffic control signals and devices.
- f. Sensor activated luminaries if:
 - 1. It is located in a manner that prevents glare and lighting onto properties of others or into the public right-of-way.
 - 2. The luminaire is set to only go on when activated by motion, and to go off within five (5) minutes after activation has ceased.
 - 3. The luminaire is not triggered by activity off the property.
- g. Floodlights with external shielding can be deflected up to twenty-five (25) degrees from a vertical plane as measured through the central axis of the light beam from the luminaire, only if the luminaire does not cause glare or light to shine on adjacent property or public rights-of-way.
- h. Federally funded and state funded roadway construction projects are exempted from the requirements of this Section only to the extent it is necessary to comply with federal and state requirements.
- i. Exterior residential fixtures which consist of lamp types with an output of eight hundred (800) lumens or less (approximate to a 60-watt incandescent bulb or nine-watt LED) are exempt from these regulations, if the fixture types are compliant with those allowed in this Section.
- j. Uplighting for flags, address markers, trees, architectural features, and low-voltage landscape lighting, provided that the luminaire is located, aimed and shielded so that direct illumination is focused exclusively on the object and away from adjoining properties and the public street right-of-way. Architectural features may be illuminated by uplighting provided that the light is effectively contained by the structure. In all cases, uplighting must not cause glare or light trespass. Landscape lighting is low voltage (24 volts or less), and is controlled by a photocell and timer set to terminate by 12:00 a.m.

(c) *Standards.* All site lighting for non-residential uses shall conform to the standards established below.

(1) *Lighting Levels.* Light levels shall follow the standards prescribed in Table 5.02.3-1.

Table 5.02.3-1: Exterior Lighting Levels

Exterior Lighting Levels		
Area	Minimum foot-candles	Maximum foot-candles
Parking areas/pedestrian walkways	1	5
Loading facilities	5	15
Under-canopy fueling area	10	20
Off-site (4 ft beyond property line on residential area or public right-of-way)	—	0.1 (as a direct result of on-site lighting)
Off-site (10 ft beyond property line on nonresidential area)		0.1 (as a direct result of on-site lighting)

(2) *Design Standards.* The lighting plan shall meet the following design standards:

- a. *Prohibited Lighting.* Site lighting that may be confused with warning, emergency, or traffic signals is prohibited. No flickering or flashing lights shall be permitted, except for temporary decorative seasonal lighting.
- b. *Shielding.* Light sources shall be concealed and fully shielded and shall feature sharp cut-off capability minimizing up-light, spill-light, glare, and diffusion. Under-canopy fueling areas shall feature flush mount, flat lens light fixtures.

(d) *Lighting Plan.*

(1) *Generally.* A lighting plan indicating location and type of all outdoor light sources and indicating lighting levels achieved at all points on the site is submitted with a site plan application. For projects not requiring Director or Planning Commission review, the lighting plan is submitted at the time of building permit application.

(2) *Required Information.* Additionally, a lighting plan shall include the following information for review:

- a. Photometric plans indicating the location, type, intensity, and height of luminaries including both building and ground-mounted fixtures, including light levels at the property line;
- b. A description of the luminaries, including specifications for streetlights, parking lot lights, and exterior building lights. The specifications shall include details of the pole, fixture height and design, lamp type, wattage, and spacing of lights lamps, poles or other supports and shielding devices, which may be provided as catalogue illustrations from the manufacturer;
- c. Photometric data, including that furnished by the manufacturer, showing the angle of light emission and the foot-candles on the ground; and

- d. Any additional information required by the Town needed to determine compliance with this Section.

2. Validity. If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared invalid.

3. Repeal. Existing or parts of ordinances covering the same matters as embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this Ordinance.

4 Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and make not less than three copies of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication. The Town Clerk shall certify the date of publication and such shall be maintained with the original of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of LaSalle on this 10th day of June, 2025.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 24th day of June, 2025.



TOWN OF LASALLE, COLORADO

By: Tony Asbury
Tony Asbury - Mayor

ATTEST:

Gail Odenbaugh
Gail Odenbaugh - Town Clerk