

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-56

Introduced by Matt Grieves

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1131 (LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF HURON, OHIO TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTION 1131.11 (OUTDOOR LIGHTING REGULATIONS).

WHEREAS, the Council hereby determined the changes and amendment set forth within this Ordinance are in the best interest of the City of Huron and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 1131 (Landscape Requirements) is hereby amended to add new Section 1131.11, as follows:

"1131.11 OUTDOOR LIGHTING REGULATIONS.

(a) Definitions.

- (1) "Light Source" means a component that produces light, including a light bulb.
- (2) "Light Fixture" means an assembly including a light source and a housing or other structure that holds the light source.
- (3) "Fully Shielded" means a quality of a light fixture where light emitted therefrom is projected below the horizontal plane.

(b) Purpose.

The purpose of this Section is to regulate the selection, installation, configuration, placement, and use of outdoor light fixtures to inhibit light projected from an outdoor light fixture from unreasonably shining, glaring, reflecting, or projecting onto the property of another ("Light Trespass").

(c) General Requirements.

- (1) New and Existing Outdoor Light Fixtures. All new and existing outdoor light fixtures installed and maintained upon residential properties are subject to the following requirements:
 - A. An outdoor light fixture shall not be directed at the property of another or unreasonably shine, glare, reflect or project light onto the property of another.
 - B. An outdoor light fixture that is not fully shielded shall be turned off between 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and sunrise, except when used for security purposes or to illuminate private walkways, roads or driveways, in which case such outdoor light fixture shall be equipped with a motion sensor for activation and

deactivation.

- C. The use of flashing, rotating, or moving outdoor light fixtures is prohibited, except for an outdoor light fixture used as holiday light displays where each light source of such outdoor light fixture has an output of 0-260 lumens.
- D. Light trespass shall be reduced to the maximum extent feasible, and it is encouraged to project light from an outdoor light fixture downward (rather than upward or horizontal) with the intention of projecting light on the ground, and if needed to comply with this Ordinance, by using adequate shielding of light fixtures, motion sensors, light sensors, or timers.

(2) New Outdoor Light Fixtures. All new outdoor light fixtures installed after the effective date of this Ordinance and thereafter maintained on residential property shall be fully shielded.

(d) Exceptions.

The requirements of Section (c)(2) for new outdoor light fixtures do not apply to the following:

- (1) An outdoor light fixture where each light source of such outdoor light fixture has a maximum output of 0-260 lumens, which may be unshielded.
 - (2) An outdoor light fixture where each light source of such outdoor light fixture has a maximum output of 261-1000 lumens, which shall be at least partially shielded by having an opaque top and translucent sides, provided its light source is not visible
 - (3) An outdoor light fixture used predominantly for lighting objects including but not limited to facades, landscaping, fountains, displays and statuary, which shall be so installed and aimed as to inhibit light projecting past the object being illuminated.
- (e) In addition to the requirements set forth herein, an outdoor light fixture shall be installed in conformity with all other applicable provisions of the codified Ordinances of the City of Huron, Ohio."


and shall be, and hereby is, adopted and thereafter shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22.

SECTION 3. In accordance with Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Huron, Ohio, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following its adoption.

ATTEST: 
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: 28 JAN 2025


Monty Tapp, Mayor

