

## Chapter 12.08

### OUTDOOR LIGHTING

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#### **12.08.010** **Definitions.**

- A. "Individual" means any private individual, tenant, lessee, owner or any commercial entity including but not limited to companies, partnerships, joint ventures or corporations.
- B. "Installed" means the initial installation of outdoor light fixtures as defined in subsection C made subsequent to the enactment of the ordinance codified in this chapter and shall not pertain to or apply to those outdoor light fixtures existing at the time of enactment of the ordinance codified in this chapter or those outdoor light fixtures for street lighting projects on order or in stock at the time of enactment of the ordinance codified in this chapter.
- C. "Outdoor light fixtures" includes but is not limited to lighting for billboards, street lights, shopping center parking area lights, externally or internally illuminated on-site or business advertising signs and area-type lighting. (Ord. 395 SI(part), 1981.)

**12.08.020** **Shielding.** All outdoor lighting shall be shielded from above in such manner that the edge of the shield shall be level with or below the center of the light source, so that any direct light emitted above the horizontal is minimized. Light-directing refractors shall be considered to be light sources. (Ord. 395 SI (part), 1981).

**12.08.030** **Filtration specifications.** (RESERVED). (Ord. 395 SI (part), 1981.)

**12.08.040** **Lighting source.** The required lighting source shall be clear mercury vapor meeting the other provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 395 SI (part), 1981.)

**12.08.050** **Unlawful acts.** It is unlawful for any individual to engage in the following activities:

- A. The operation of a searchlight for advertising, purposes between midnight and sunrise.
- B. The illumination after midnight of an outdoor public recreation facility which would normally be expected to cease by midnight unless a specific

recreational activity is already in progress.

- C. The outside illumination for aesthetic purposes of any building, public or private, by floodlights projected above the horizontal, between midnight and sunrise.
- D. The illumination of outdoor signs which, by special design consideration, requires floodlighting projected above the horizontal, between midnight and sunrise.
- E. The use of high-pressure sodium vapor, quartz or metal halide lamps (for outdoor illumination). (Ord. 395 SI (part), 1981.)

**12.08.60**     **Exemption--Request.**

A. Any individual as defined herein may submit a written request to the building inspector for a temporary exemption to the requirements of this chapter. The request for the exemption shall contain as a minimum the following information:

- 1. Type of use of outdoor light involved.
- 2. Specific exemption requested.
- 3. Physical size of outdoor light.
- 4. Type of illumination.
- 5. Total wattage of lamp or lamps.
- 6. Proposed location of outdoor light.
- 7. Duration of use of outdoor light;

B. In addition to the above data, the building inspector may request any additional information which would enable him to make a reasonable evaluation of the request for exemption. (Ord. 395 SI (part), 1981.)

**12.08.070**     **Exemption--Ruling and appeal.** The building inspector shall have ten workdays from the receipt of the request for exemption in which to reject in writing the request. If rejected, the individual making the request shall have the right of appeal to the board of hearing examiners for review of the decision of the building inspector. (Ord. 395 SI (part), 1981.)

**12.08.080**     **Exclusions.** The following types of lighting are excluded from the requirements of this chapter:

- A. Outdoor lighting of all types within the corporate limits of the city existing prior to the enactment of the ordinance codified in this chapter.
- B. Private residential incandescent outdoor illumination.
- C. Light produced directly by the combustion of natural gas or other fuels.
- D. Outdoor on-site or business advertising signs in which light is produced by glass tubing filled with neon, argon and/or krypton.

- E. Outdoor on-site or business advertising signs of the type constructed of translucent materials and wholly illuminated from within are in compliance with Section 12.08.030.
- F. Fluorescent-type lamps having at least eight percent of the total emergent flux lying in the spectral region above four thousand nine hundred-angstrom units. A list of fluorescent lamps meeting the requirements is on file with the building inspector.
- G. Private and commercial holiday lighting.
- H. Low-pressure sodium vapor (LPSV) lighting. (Ord. 395 SI (part), 1981.)

**12.08.090** **Conflict with other ordinances.** Where an ordinance of the city, the Washington Revised Code, or the United States Code requires for the purpose of health, welfare or public safety a lighting requirement contrary to the provision of this chapter, such provision shall prevail over any or all requirements of this chapter. (Ord. 395 S1 (part), 1981.)