

Orders for Regulation of Outdoor Lighting
In Reeves County, Texas

DEFINITIONS

In these Orders:

- 1) "Outdoor lighting" means any type of lighting, fixed or movable, designed or used for outdoor illumination of buildings or homes, commercial and industrial facilities, including lighting for billboards, streetlights, search lights used for advertising purposes, externally or internally illuminated on or off-site advertising signs. It does not include lighting equipment, required by law to be installed on motor vehicles or lighting required for the safe take-off and landing of aircraft.
- 2) "Installed" means the initial installation or replacement of outdoor lighting as defined herein made subsequent to the enactment of these orders and shall not pertain or apply to outdoor lighting existing at the time of enactment of these orders.
- 3) "Fully shielded" means that those fixtures shall be shielded in such a manner that the light source (bulb) is not visible from off site or off property.
- 4) "Spot light" means a light fixture having a narrow beam.
- 5) "Axis of illumination" means the midline of the beam of light emitted by a fixture.
- 6) "Lumen" means a measure of the amount of light emitted from a bulb.
- 7) "Color temperature" means the color of light emitted from a bulb measured by the Kelvin (K) temperature scale.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Existing fixtures: All outdoor lighting shall be brought into compliance with these orders within ten (10) years after the effective date of these orders.
- 2) Replacement fixtures: When existing lighting fixtures become inoperable, their replacements are subject to all the provisions of these orders.
- 3) New lighting installations: All outdoor lighting fixtures installed after the effective date of these orders shall be fully shielded.
- 4) New lighting installations: All outdoor lighting installed after the effective date of these orders shall not exceed 100,000 lumens per acre for nonresidential developments.

- 5) New lighting installations: All outdoor lighting installed after the effective date of these orders shall have a color temperature of no more than 3,000K, less is preferred.
- 6) Recreational facilities: No outdoor public recreational facility shall be illuminated by nonconforming means after midnight except to conclude a specific recreational activity in progress.
- 7) Outdoor building or landscaping illumination: The unshielded outdoor illumination of any building, landscaping or signing is prohibited except with the use of spot lights of less than 1,000 lumens and a color temperature of not more than 3,000 K, which shall be aimed to prevent light from being emitted away from the target of illumination.
- 8) Communication towers: The use of white strobe lights at night is prohibited on communication towers except where required by state or federal law.

EXCEPTIONS

Any individual may submit a written request to the County Judge for a temporary exemption from the requirements of these orders: The request for the exemption shall contain as a minimum the following information:

- a) Proposed use of the outdoor light involved.
- b) Type of light fixture used, including manufacturer's model number.
- c) Total lumens of lamp or lamps.
- d) Color temperature of lamp or lamps.
- e) Proposed location of outdoor light.
- f) Beginning and ending date of proposed exemption.

ENFORCEMENT

A law enforcement officer of the State of Texas, the Sheriff, or any other officer of Reeves County shall make enforcement of these orders.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

An individual or business adjudged guilty of violation of these orders shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00. Prior to receiving a citation for the violation of this Order, an individual or business shall be given one warning and a ten (10) day period of time in which to comply with the Order. A fine of the \$500.00 shall be given each week thereafter for non-compliance.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these orders shall be June 24th, 2019

Leo Hung

Leo Hung, County Judge, Reeves County, Texas

ATTEST

Dianne O. Florez By Myra Aranda

Dianne O. Florez, County Clerk,
Reeves County, Texas



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