

Ordinance No. 1465

AN ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF YUKON, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 215 ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL LIGHT TRESPASS; DELETING OR REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Yukon to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents by minimizing the harmful effects of light pollution and trespass from residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yukon recognizes the need to regulate exterior lighting to ensure that neighboring properties are not adversely affected by unnecessary light trespass, glare, or excessive illumination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF YUKON, OKLAHOMA, THAT SECTIONS 176-180 AND SHALL BE AMENDED WITHIN THE YUKON MUNICIPAL CODE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 215 – UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

ARTICLE 5 – SEC 506 F - RESIDENTIAL LIGHT TRESPASS

SECTION 1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Residential Light Trespass Ordinance."

SECTION 2. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate light trespass from residential properties to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Yukon by minimizing light pollution and its adverse effects.

SECTION 3. Sec 215-506 – F. RESIDENTIAL LIGHT TRESPASS

1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- *Light Trespass*: Any artificial light emitted from a residential property that strays beyond the boundaries of the property and illuminates neighboring properties.

- *Glare*: Excessive brightness that causes visual discomfort or reduces visibility.

- *Direct Light*: Light emitted directly from the light source, as opposed to light that is reflected off surfaces.

- *Non-essential*: Outdoor lighting that is not required for safety, security, or public utility purposes. This includes decorative lighting, landscape lighting, and other lighting that does not serve a functional purpose during certain hours (e.g. between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM).

2. General Requirements.

- a) **Shielding**: All exterior lights must be fully shielded to prevent light from trespassing onto adjacent properties. This includes but is not limited to floodlights, spotlights, and security lights.
- b) **Direction**: Exterior lights must be directed downward and away from adjacent properties.
- c) **Glare Control**: Lighting must be designed and positioned to minimize glare and not interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties.
- d) **Automatic Controls**: The use of motion detectors, timers, and other automatic control devices is encouraged to reduce unnecessary lighting.

3. Specific Standards.

- a) **Illumination Levels**: The illumination level at the property line of the light source shall not exceed 0.5 foot-candles, measured in a vertical plane.
- b) **Height Restrictions**: Exterior lights mounted on poles or structures shall not exceed a height of 16 feet above ground level.
- c) **Curfew**: Non-essential lighting shall be turned off between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM, except for motion-activated security lighting which shall turn off within 20 minutes of activation.

4. Exceptions.

- a) **Emergency Lighting**: Temporary lighting required for emergency situations or repair work by public utilities or contractors.
- b) **Holiday Lighting**: Decorative holiday lighting between October 1 to January 31, provided it does not create a hazard or nuisance.
- c) **City street lighting** that ensures residential areas are adequately illuminated for vehicular and pedestrian traffic enhancing safety and accessibility.

5. Applicability and Enforcement.

- a) The outdoor lighting regulations of this section apply to all outdoor residential lighting installed after the effective date of this chapter.
- b) **Inspection**: The city manager or their designee is authorized to inspect properties for compliance with this ordinance.

- c) Violations: Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be issued a notice of violation and given 10 days to correct the violation.
- d) Remediation: Continued failure to comply shall result in further enforcement action as determined by the City.

SECTION 4. Appeals.

Any person aggrieved by a decision made under this ordinance may file an appeal with the city council within 10 days of the decision.

SECTION 5. Severability.


If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6 All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, in conflict are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY

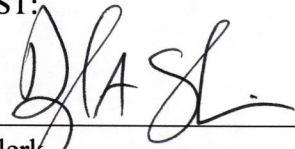
IT BEING IMMEDIATELY NECESSARY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, AND SAFETY OF THE CITY YUKON, OKLAHOMA, AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF, AN EMERGENCY IS HEREBY DECLARED TO EXIST. BY REASON WHEREOF IT IS NECESSARY THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL GO INTO FULL EFFECT AND BE OF FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION.

PASSED AND APPROVED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Yukon, Oklahoma and duly signed by the Mayor this 3RD day of DECEMBER, 2024.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

