

ORDINANCE 2024-06(A-24-01)

AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 5-58 & SECTION 5-83 IN CHAPTER 5 (BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS) PERTAINING TO PROVISIONS FOR OUTDOOR LIGHTING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF DORAVILLE.

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council of the City of Doraville (“Council”) are charged with the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Doraville; and

WHEREAS: The City has standards for buildings and building regulations which are meant to protect the comfort, health, and safety of both personal property while also respecting the wellbeing of neighbors; and

WHEREAS: Council may from time to time consider amendments to requirements based on unforeseen circumstances, frequent requests, or issues from residents; and

WHEREAS: Council has directed staff to add regulations for outdoor lighting; and

WHEREAS: A duly noticed public hearing was held;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Doraville, Georgia hereby ordain:

Section 1: That Sec. 5-58 shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5-58. - Definitions.

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Cutoff lighting means fixtures that limit the amount of illumination emitted above the horizontal plane to reduce high-angle brightness. Lighting that is not cutoff has no limitations on light distribution at any angle from the fixture.

Down-directional lighting means fixtures that direct light straight down from the source.

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Sec. 5-83 – Outdoor lighting standards.

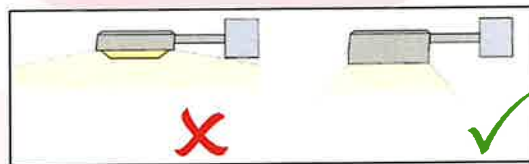
(a) *Intent.* The purpose of this section is to establish standards for exterior lighting in the City of Doraville, to allow for appropriate illumination of properties without creating a condition whereby neighbors or those on nearby public rights-of-way are subject to unnecessary or nuisance levels of glare or visual distraction.

(b) *Scope.* This section shall apply to all exterior lighting fixtures, including those attached to structures, parking lot or pedestrian lights mounted on poles, or others as determined by the Community Development Director.

(c) *General standards.*

(1) In general, all exterior lighting must be cutoff and down-directional, and directed away from adjoining properties and structures.

- (2) All exterior fixtures, when used for security purposes, shall be illuminated from dusk until dawn, unless otherwise specifically designated on the site plan and as approved through the site plan process.
- (d) *Exceptions.* The following shall be exempt from the standards in subsection (c), but shall be installed or directed in such a way as to meet the intent of subsection (a):
- (1) Decorative uplighting for signs, structures, or walkways is permitted.
 - (2) Exterior lighting fixtures at or below 1600 lumens.
 - (3) Holiday lights, subject to the requirements of [Sec. 5-65A](#).
- (e) *Figures.* The below figures are intended to provide direction for the correct design and installation of exterior lighting.



Secs. 5.84—5-195. Reserved.

Section 3: This Amendment shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council. This Amendment hereby repeals any and all conflicting ordinances and amendments.

February 21, 2024

April 17, 2024

First Reading

Second Reading

So effective this 17th day of April, 2024.

Approved by:

Approved as to Form:



Joseph Geierman, Mayor



Cecil McLendon, City Attorney

So signed and witnessed this 17th day of April, 2024

Attest:



Shanta J. Bingham, City Clerk

