

CITY OF PARK RIDGE

ORDINANCE 2022 - 52

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE
WITH REGARD TO OUTDOOR LIGHTING
(ZA-22-0009)**

WHEREAS, the City of Park Ridge is an Illinois home rule municipality operating under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule powers the City has enacted zoning regulations that have been codified as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge (“the Zoning Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 4.8 of the Zoning Ordinance, the City of Park Ridge (“the Applicant”) applied for proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 11.3 in regard to outdoor lighting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to legal notice required by law, including notice in the Park Ridge Herald Advocate on June 23, 2022, a public hearing on the proposed amendments was convened by the Planning and Zoning Commission (“the P&Z”) on July 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the public hearing, the P&Z voted 7-0 to adopt findings of fact and recommend to the City Council approval of the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has duly considered the findings and recommendation of the P&Z and finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to amend the Zoning Ordinance, as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois, pursuant to its home rule authority provided under Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 as follows:

SECTION 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2: Findings. The City Council of the City of Park Ridge hereby adopts the findings of the P&Z as contained in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Amendments to Section 11.3. Section 11.3 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended as follows (double-underlined text to be added; ~~struck-through text~~ to be deleted; omitted language is not intended to be amended):

“SECTION 11.3 – EXTERIOR LIGHTING

* * *

(c) Unshielded Lighting. The use of unshielded lighting, including incandescent light bulbs hung or strung on poles, wires, or any other type of support, are ~~prohibited~~ permitted, provided the lights comply with light trespass levels in subsection b.1 above, and complies with the height limits in subsection d.2

~~below, except on a temporary basis in areas where approved carnivals, fairs or other similar activities are held and only when such activities are taking place.~~

SECTION 4: Superseding Effect. The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against other existing ordinances of the City to the extent of any conflicts.

SECTION 5: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

SECTION 6: Publication. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form according to law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Park Ridge, Illinois this 15th day of August 2022.

VOTE:

AYES: Alderman Moran, Sanchez, Wilkening, Melidosian, Biagi and Lefler (6)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Alderman Harrington (1)

Approved by me this 15th day of August 2022.

Marty Maloney, Mayor

Attest:

Sal Raspanti, City Clerk

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BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Park Ridge, Illinois

In the Matter of
Text Amendments to Section 11.3
(Regarding Outdoor Lighting)

Case No. ZA-22-0009

FINDINGS OF FACT

This matter having come before the Planning and Zoning Commission for a hearing for text amendments to Section 11.3 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding outdoor lighting; the Commission having held a public hearing on July 12, 2022 with due notice published in the *Park Ridge Herald Advocate* on June 23, 2022 as required by law; and having heard evidence on the matter, based on the evidence presented, as reflected in the minutes of these proceedings, and for the reasons indicated in the minutes of this Commission in this case, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds that the following facts have been established based on the standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance:

1. The extent to which the proposed amendments promote the public health, safety, comfort and convenience and general welfare of the City.

The proposed amendment promotes convenience to the residents of Park Ridge by allowing the use of unshielded lights.

2. The relative gain to the public, as compared to the hardship imposed upon the applicant.

The relative gain to the public is the ability to utilize different types of lighting on their property; there is no proposed hardship imposed on the applicant.

3. The consistency of the proposed amendments with the Comprehensive Plan.

N/A

4. The consistency of the proposed amendments with the intent and general regulations of this Ordinance.

The consistency of the proposed amendments is the utilization of existing code requirements for light trespass and height.

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5. Whether the proposed amendments correct an error or omission, adds clarification to existing requirements, or reflects a change in policy.

The proposed amendment adds clarification to existing requirements while also reflecting a change in policy.

6. That the proposed amendments will benefit the residents of the City as a whole, and not just the applicant, property owner(s), neighbors of any property under consideration, or other special interest groups, and the extent to which the proposed use would be in the public interest and would not serve solely the interest of the applicant.

The proposed amendments will benefit the City as a whole through an increase in allowable lighting options.

7. Whether the proposed amendments provide a more workable way to achieve the intent and purposes of this Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed amendment provides a more workable way for residents to utilize their property by allowing the use of unshielded lights.

8. The extent to which the proposed amendments creates nonconformities.

The proposed amendment does not create any nonconformities.

9. The extent to which the proposed amendments are consistent with the overall structure and organization of this Ordinance.

The proposed amendment is consistent with the structure and organization of the Ordinance.

7/12/2022

Date Approved



Jim Hanlon, Chair