

CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ADD THERETO A NEW SECTION 4.24 TO REGULATE OUTDOOR LIGHTING IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS IN CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP.

Cleveland Township hereby ordains:

Section 1. Addition of Section 4.24

Article IV (General Provisions) of the Cleveland Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add thereto a new Section 4.24 to read as follows:

Section 4.24: Outdoor Lighting

1. Purpose and Intent

To reduce nuisances to property owners, their neighbors, and the township population as a whole, by regulating glare, light trespass, lamp types, and lamp shielding.

This regulation of light pollution will allow residents nighttime enjoyment of the dark sky, in all districts of the township.

2. Applicable Fixtures

Outdoor illuminating devices, reflective surfaces, lamps and similar devices, permanently installed or portable. Examples include but are not limited to; spot lights, flood lights, yard lights, sign illumination, etc.

3. Outdoor Lighting Requirements

All exterior lighting, whether building mounted, pole mounted, or other, shall be shielded, and in no case shall the light be permitted to extend above the 90 degree horizontal plane.

No lighting shall be more than 20 feet in height. Exceptions may include lighting that may be required by state or federal law. Examples: Cell tower, wind tower, FAA regulations in regarding to airport lighting, etc. Also excepted is holiday lighting when displayed 30 days prior to the holiday, and 30 days after.

All light shall be directed away from adjacent properties to avoid light trespass.

Floodlighting is discouraged, and if used, must be shielded to prevent up lighting and disabling glare for drivers or pedestrians.

These requirements apply only to new construction and new or replacement lighting installations, in all districts, after the effective date.

Enforcement shall be provided as in Article XII.

4. Definitions

Glare – Direct light emitted by a light that causes reduced visibility of objects or momentary blindness.

Light Pollution – General sky glow caused by the scattering of artificial light up into the atmosphere.

Up Lighting – Any light source that distributes illumination above a 90 degree horizontal plane.

Section 2. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect on the 8th day following publication.

At a regular meeting of the township board for Cleveland Township on the 9th day of October, 2012, adoption of the foregoing ordinance was moved by Walt Daniels and supported by Taryn Daniels.

Voting for: 4

Voting Against: 0

The supervisor declared the ordinance adopted.



Tim Stein, Supervisor

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the board of trustees of Cleveland Township at a regular meeting of said board held on the 9th day of October, 2012.



Jan Nowak, Clerk