

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK**

**ORDINANCE NO. 208**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK  
BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF  
GROSSE POINTE PARK**

**The City of Grosse Pointe Park Ordains:**

**Section 1:** Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park is amended to add Sec. 15-12 that shall read as follows:

**Sec. 15-12. Exterior Lighting.**

**A. Purpose and Intent:**

The purpose of this section is to regulate light spillage and glare to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians, and to ensure lighting does not adversely affect land uses on adjacent lands. More specifically, this section is intended to:

1. Regulate lighting to assure that excessive light spillage and glare are not directed at adjacent lands, neighboring areas, and motorists;
2. Ensure that all site lighting is designed and installed to maintain adequate lighting levels on site; and
3. Provide security for persons and land.

**B. Applicability:**

**1. General**

The provisions of this section shall apply to the interests of the City unless exempted in accordance with Section 15-12 B. 4, Exemptions.

**2. Time of Review**

Review for compliance with the standards of this section shall occur as part of the review of an application for a site plan, planned development, certificate of appropriateness, or certificate of zoning use, as appropriate by the City.

**3. Existing Development**

Compliance with these standards, to the maximum extent practicable, shall also apply to redevelopment of an existing structure, building, or use when it is expanded, enlarged, or otherwise increased in intensity equivalent to or beyond 50 percent.

**4. Exemptions**

The following uses, activities and development are exempt from the exterior lighting standards of this section:

- a. Lighting associated with navigational beacons;
- b. Holiday lighting during the months of November, December, and January, provided the lighting does not create unsafe glare on street rights-of-way;
- c. Battery-powered emergency lighting;
- d. Architectural lighting of 450 lumens (= 40 watts incandescent) or less;
- e. Lighting owned or operated by the City or utilities regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission; and
- f. Front and porch door lighting shall not exceed 800 lumens (= 60 watts incandescent).

**C. Exterior Light Fixtures:**

Exterior light fixtures located on private property in any Residential District shall be architecturally compatible with the style, materials, colors and details of the building and shall be located and positioned so as to be unobtrusive to the neighbors. Mounting brackets and associated hardware shall be inconspicuous. The type of light source used on the exterior of buildings, pedestrian walkways and other areas of a site, and the light quality produced, shall be the same or compatible. In general, façade lighting should be concealed through shielding or recessed behind architectural features. The use of neon or mercury vapor lighting is prohibited.

- (1) All outdoor lighting used to light a specific site shall be shielded downward or below horizontal to reduce glare and shall be so arranged and designed to reflect light away from all adjacent residences and public rights-of-way.
- (2) Carriage style lights on the interior portion of a parcel may be utilized to light a driveway providing the light source is not greater than an average of 0.5 to 2.0 footcandles at grade (generally 60 watts or less) and providing lights shall have internal shields to direct light downward and away from adjacent properties and roadways as necessary. Such lighting shall not be positioned higher than eight (8) feet above ground or base of entry. Lighting fixtures shall not emit ambient light that exceeds one (1) footcandle at grade measured at any adjoining property line.
- (3) Ground lighting (up-lighting) in any Residential District for the purpose of illuminating landscaping and architectural details, or other specialized lighting in any Residential District (including, without limitation, lighting for the purpose of illuminating flag poles or other similar amenities, and pedestrian walkway illumination) shall be shielded from public view by either landscaping or architectural features and shall be directed solely at the object to be lit and shall not direct light towards adjacent property or public rights-of-way.

- (4) No floodlights shall be erected or used in any district, unless they are directed to the structure, landscaping or interior lot improvements and shielded from the neighbors and public so as to be unobtrusive.
- (5) Security lighting may be utilized in situations where it is positioned so as to be shielded from neighboring properties, public rights-of-way, and the general public to the greatest extent possible, and such lighting shall not shine directly on adjacent property, nor shall it emit any audible noise.