



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Ordinance: ORD-0074-2024

File Number: ORD-0074-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GAHANNA CODE PART ELEVEN ZONING CHAPTER SECTION 1109.06 - OUTDOOR LIGHTING, CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, City Council adopted a new Zoning Code on April 1, 2024 via ORD-0007-2024; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has been tracking and evaluating the implementation of the new Zoning Code through a variety of residential and commercial requests; and

WHEREAS, during the Zoning Code rewrite process, some important provisions were inadvertently not carried forward from the previous code to the new code; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Chapter Section 1109.06 - Outdoor Lighting be revised to clarify the types of development for which the standards apply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Zoning Code Chapter Section 1109.06 - Outdoor Lighting - is hereby amended as set forth in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and made a part herein.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage by this Council and 30 days after date of signature of approval by the Mayor.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on December 2, 2024, a motion was made by Weaver, seconded by Jones, that the Ordinance be Adopted. The vote was as follows:

Ms. Bowers, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. McGregor, yes; Ms. Padova, yes;
Mr. Renner, yes; Mr. Schnetzer, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.

President Merisa Bowers
Merisa K. Bowers

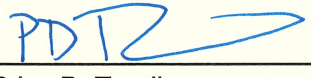
Date 12/4/24

Attest by Jeremy A. VanMeter
Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

Date 12/3/2024

Approved by the Mayor 
Laurie A. Jadwin

Date 12.3.24

Approved as to Form 
Priya D. Tamilarasan
City Attorney

Date 12/2/24

1109.06 OUTDOOR LIGHTING.

- (a) Holiday light displays are not subject to the standards herein.
- (b) Any nonresidential parking area with ten or more off-street parking spaces and any residential parking area with 20 or more off-street parking spaces shall be illuminated during poor visibility. All outdoor lighting shall be constant intensity, and shall be directed, reflected or shielded so as not to be of excessive brightness or cause glare hazardous to pedestrians or drivers, create a nuisance or unreasonably interfere with a neighboring property owner's right to enjoy their property.
- (c) The following standards shall apply to all development except one-unit dwellings and two-unit dwellings.
 - (1) Exterior building illumination shall be from concealed sources. Strobe lights, flashing light, rope lighting, and metal halide lighting are prohibited.
 - (2) Lighting fixtures shall not exceed 20 feet above grade.
 - (3) In parking lots, lights shall be placed in landscaped parking lot islands or on a solid base to protect both lights and vehicles.
 - (4) The average-maximum illumination shall be one foot-candle measured at the property line when not adjacent to residential zone districts or uses. When adjacent to residential zone districts or uses, the average-maximum illumination measured at the property line.
 - (5) Security lighting shall be from full cutoff type fixtures, shielded and aimed so that illumination is directed to the designated areas with the lowest possible illumination level to effectively allow surveillance.
 - (6) In the interest of reducing potential conflict with the Port Columbus Regional Airport Authority, all new light fixtures shall be required to have cut off type shielding so that all light is reflected downwards. Visible light emanating from the top of the fixtures shall not be permitted.

(Ord. No. 0007-2024, § 2(Exh. A), 4-1-24)