

ORDINANCE 2010-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 30 (ZONING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AS RESPECTS OUTDOOR LIGHTING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Chatham is hereby amended as follows:

1. Chapter 30, Land Development, §30-96.22, *Outdoor Lighting*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

30-96.22a. Except as to sports and recreational lighting regulated in Section 30-96.22b, all outdoor lighting in connection with any use shall be shielded so that the direct source of the illumination is not visible from any street or any adjoining property, provided that this provision shall not apply to incandescent or fluorescent, decorative outdoor lighting fixtures of one hundred sixty (160) watts or less in residential districts. Floodlights and spotlights in excess of one hundred (100) watts per bulb shall be shielded.

30-96.22b(1) Regulation of recreational/sports facility lighting for fields is necessary to prevent the cause of unnecessary skyglow, to prevent light trespass and to reduce unnecessary glare caused by inappropriate or misaligned light fixtures and/or the inappropriate location of light poles. These standards are intended to save energy and reduce costs and to preserve and protect adjacent residential neighborhoods from unnecessary lighting impacts.

(2) Where used for sports or recreational fields, all lighting fixtures shall comply with the following:

(a) The maximum height of any recreational or sports lighting structure shall be 85 feet.

(b) The minimum distance of the pole to any property line shall be 40 feet from any private property line.

(c) Trespass lighting shall not be more than 0.1 foot-candle at any adjacent residential property line at grade.

(d) The current natural landscape buffer shall be maintained to the greatest extent possible to allow for maximum screening.

(e) No sports or recreational activity shall continue beyond 10:00 pm and all sports and recreational lighting shall be turned off not later than 10:30 pm.

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.
3. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as practicable and in the manner provided by law.
4. In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

Introduced: April 8, 2010
Amended: June 10, 2010
Adopted: June 24, 2010
Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Gregory J. LaConte, Deputy Clerk

BY: _____
Nicole Hagner, Mayor