



- 1 e. Luminaire. A complete lighting unit consisting of one or more lamps, the  
2 lamp holder, any reflector or lens, and any other components or accessories.  
3 f. Outdoor Luminaire. Outdoor luminaires, whether permanent or portable,  
4 including general light fixtures, searchlights, spotlights, and floodlights; and  
5 the light cast by such fixtures.

6 Section 5. STANDARD. All outdoor luminaires in shall be located, adequately  
7 shielded, and directed such that no direct light falls outside the parcel of origin, or onto the public right-  
8 of-way. Outdoor luminaires shall not blink, flash, or rotate.

9 Section 6. EXEMPTIONS. The following outdoor luminaires shall be exempt from  
10 the provisions of this Ordinance when properly installed and in compliance with all County ordinances:  
11

- 12 a. Luminaires used or otherwise required by law enforcement or other  
13 emergency personnel.  
14 b. Luminaires used to illuminate publicly-owned property, including but not  
15 limited to, parks, recreation areas, schools, streets, street signs and  
16 sidewalks.  
17 c. Luminaires used to illuminate authorized public and private monuments.  
18 d. Luminaires authorized by a provision of state or federal law as long as that  
19 lighting conforms to the requirements of the state or federal law.  
20 e. Luminaires used for holiday decoration.  
21 f. Luminaires producing light directly by the combustion of fossil fuels (such  
22 as kerosene lanterns, and gas lamps).  
23 g. Neon luminaires.  
24 h. Luminaires used to illuminate agricultural activities, operations or facilities  
25 as defined in *Section 5 of Riverside County Ordinance No. 625*.

26 ///

27 ///

28 ///

1           Section 7.     DETERMINATION OF LIGHT TRESPASS.    A determination of light  
2 trespass shall be made by observation of the allegedly non-conforming luminaire from the complaining  
3 party's property. A "complaining party" may be either an owner or occupant of private property or a  
4 public entity.

5           Section 8.     SECURITY LIGHTING.    Security lighting triggered by motion or noise  
6 shall be allowed subject to all of the provisions of this Ordinance.

7           Section 9.     NON-CONFORMING OUTDOOR LUMINAIRES.    Outdoor luminaires  
8 existing on the effective date of this Ordinance that do not meet the requirements as set forth herein shall  
9 be brought into compliance or removed as follows:

- 10                   a.     Within three (3) months of the effective date of this Ordinance, where  
11                             redirection of the light fixture is feasible and will bring the light fixture into  
12                             compliance; or  
13                   b.     Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Ordinance, in all other  
14                             cases.

15           Section 10.    COMPLIANCE METHODS.    Outdoor luminaires not meeting the  
16 standards of Section 5 be brought into compliance in any of the following ways:

- 17                   a.     Redirection of the luminaire;  
18                   b.     shielding of the light source;  
19                   c.     redesign or relocation of the luminaire;  
20                   d.     replacement of the luminaire with a conforming luminaire; or  
21                   e.     removal of the luminaire.

22           Section 11.    ENFORCEMENT.    The Riverside County Sheriff and Code Enforcement  
23 Departments shall have the primary responsibility for enforcing this Ordinance.

24           Section 12.    VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.    Any person who violates any  
25 provision of this Ordinance once or twice within a one hundred and eighty (180) day period shall be  
26 guilty of an infraction. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance more than twice within a  
27 one hundred and eighty (180) day period shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day a violation is  
28

1 committed or allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

2 Penalties shall not exceed the following amounts.

- 3 a. For the first violation within a one hundred and eighty (180) day period the  
4 minimum mandatory fine shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 5 b. For the second violation within a one hundred and eighty (180) day period  
6 the minimum mandatory fine shall be two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).
- 7 c. For any further violations within a one hundred and eighty (180) day period  
8 the minimum mandatory fine shall be five hundred dollars (\$500) or  
9 imprisonment in the County jail for a period not exceeding six (6) months,  
10 or both.

11 Section 13. CONFLICT BETWEEN ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS. This  
12 Ordinance shall neither replace the requirements of the zoning Ordinance or any other County ordinances,  
13 including but not limited to County Ordinance No. 655, nor supersede the terms of any private Covenants,  
14 Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs). However, when there is a conflict in the requirements of this and  
15 any other ordinance, the more stringent requirements shall apply. The County of Riverside does not  
16 enforce private CC&Rs.

17 Section 14. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application  
18 thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the  
19 Ordinance or the application of such provision(s) to other persons or circumstances.

20 Section 15. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The adoption of this Ordinance shall not in any  
21 manner affect the prosecution of ordinance violations, which violations were committed prior to the  
22 effective date of this Ordinance, nor be construed as a waiver of any permit, license, penalty or penal  
23 provisions applicable to such violations. The provisions of this Ordinance, insofar as they are  
24 substantially the same as ordinance provisions previously adopted by Riverside County relating to the  
25 same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations, and not as new enactments.

26 ///

27 ///

28 ///

