

EL DORADO COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Chapter 17.14 (part)

OUTDOOR LIGHTING

17.14.170 Outdoor Lighting.

- A. Policy. It is the policy of the County that the creation of artificial light and glare be controlled to the extent that unnecessary and unwarranted illumination of an adjacent property be prohibited. The creation of light or glare by any person in violation of this Section shall constitute a public nuisance and shall be subject to abatement proceedings in accordance with Chapter 17.12.
- B. Lighting Plans Required.
1. Any commercial, industrial, multi-family, civic, or utility project that proposes to install outdoor lighting shall submit plans for such lighting, to be reviewed by the Planning Director as a part of a site plan review. If the project requires a design review, special use permit, or development plan application, said lighting plan shall be included as a part of that application, and shall be subject to approval by the approving authority.
 2. Lighting plans shall contain, at a minimum, the location and height of all light fixtures, the manufacturer's name and style of light fixture, and specifications for each type of fixture.
- C. Outdoor Lighting Standards. All outdoor lighting shall conform to the following standards:
1. All outdoor lighting, including residential outdoor lighting, shall be hooded or screened as to direct the source of light downward and focus onto the property from which it originates and shall not negatively impact adjacent properties or directly reflect upon any adjacent residential property.
 2. Parking lot and other security lighting shall be top and side shielded to prevent the light pattern from shining onto adjacent property or roadways, excluding lights used for illumination of public roads. [See Exhibit 17.14.170(A)]

PARKING LOT LIGHT SHIELDING

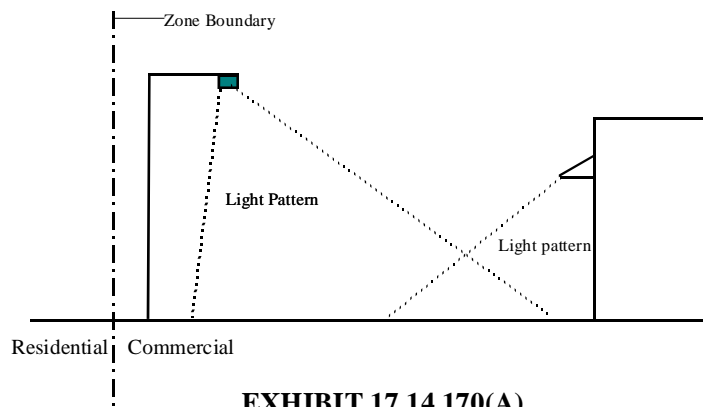
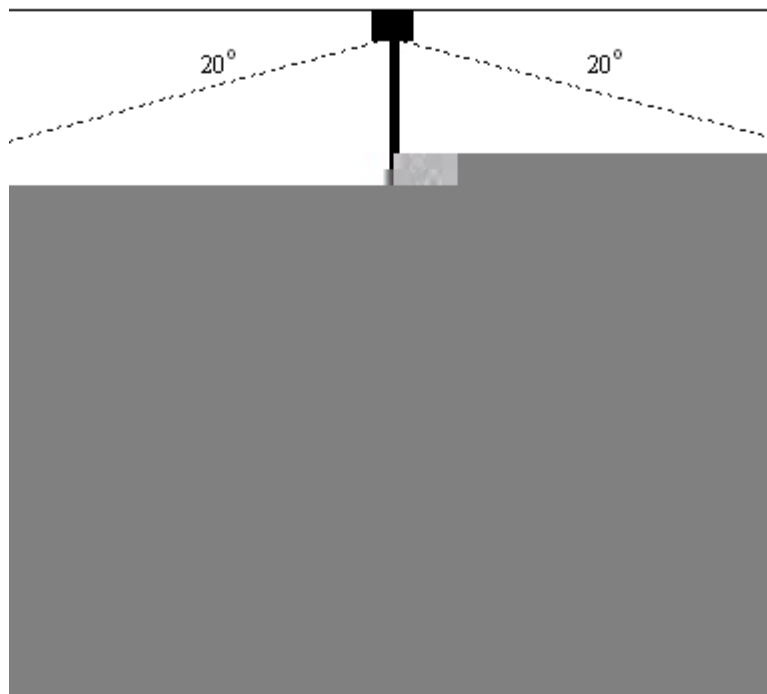


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3. External lights used to illuminate a sign or the side of a building or wall shall be shielded to prevent the light from shining off of the surface intended to be illuminated.
4. Lights that shine onto a road in a manner which causes excessive glare and may be considered to be a traffic hazard shall be prohibited.
5. Outdoor floodlights shall not project above 20 degrees below the horizontal plane. [See Exhibit 17.14.170(B)]
6. Lighting of outdoor display area, including but not limited to vehicle sales and rental, and building material sales, shall be turned off within thirty (30) minutes after the closing of the business. Security lighting, as approved by the Planning Director may remain on after the close of business hours.
7. Lighted signs shall also conform to Section 17.16.070.

HORIZONTAL PLANE



- D. Exemptions. The following lighting shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section:
1. Airport lighting which is required for the safe and efficient movement of aircraft during flight, take off, landing, and taxiing. All other outdoor lighting at airport facilities shall comply with the provisions of this Section.
 2. Lighting used by law enforcement or other emergency personnel.
 3. Lighting used for the illumination of the United States flag pursuant to the requirements for nighttime illumination of the United States Flag Code.

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