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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

Ordinance 0791-2011, passed July 18, 2011, revised and expanded lighting standards in Columbus Zoning Code Chapter 3321, General Site Development Standards. This ordinance adds a mistakenly omitted portion of Section 3321.03 which establishes standards for parking lot lighting. The proposal was considered and endorsed by the Columbus Development Commission on May 12, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To supplement Chapter 3321, General Site Development Standards, of the Columbus Zoning Code, Title 33, to add Section 3321.03C, Parking lot lighting, in order to accommodate the new and updated general site development standards and requirements.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 0791-2011, passed July 18, 2011, revised and expanded Columbus Zoning Code Chapter 3321, General Site Development Standards, and

WHEREAS, A copy/paste error omitted parking lot lighting standards under Section 3321.03C, and

WHEREAS, On May 12, 2011, the Columbus Development Commission voted to recommend approval of the draft ordinance with the parking lot lighting Section 3321.03C intact, and

WHEREAS, Section 3321.03 Lighting was revised to apply standards typical in planned or limited districts to commercial, institutional, and manufacturing districts; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed code change is to enable commercial developers and neighboring residents to rely on standardized regulations to achieve predictable, consistent, and quality site development; and

WHEREAS, these new standards are widely accepted and are typical in planned zoning districts such as CPD, PUD, and in limited overlay districts; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That existing section 3321.03 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3321.03 Lighting.

Lighting shall conform to the following standards.

A. Site lighting in commercial and institutional districts:

1. Light fixtures shall not exceed twenty-eight (28) feet in height.
2. Light fixtures located within one hundred (100) feet of a residentially zoned property shall not exceed eighteen (18) feet in height.

3. Lights shall have fully shielded, recessed lamps directed away from abutting properties and directed downward to prevent glare and shine above the horizontal plane.

4. Canopy lighting shall be recessed within the canopy or use an opaque shield around the sides of the light.

5. Globe style fixtures shall be shielded to prevent upward lighting and shall not exceed fourteen (14) feet.

B. Site lighting in manufacturing districts:

1. Light fixtures located within one hundred (100) feet of a residentially zoned property shall not exceed eighteen (18) feet in height.

2. Lights shall have fully shielded, recessed lamps directed away from abutting properties and directed downward to prevent glare and shine above the horizontal plane.

C. Parking lot lighting:

1. Any parking lot containing ten (10) or more parking spaces, which is used during non-daylight hours, shall be illuminated during such hours to assist both motorists and pedestrians in avoiding accidents.

2. For aesthetic compatibility, light fixtures in parking lots shall be of the same or similar type and color.

3. Light fixtures shall be placed in parking lot islands or solid bases to protect both lights and vehicles from possible damage.

SECTION 2. That prior existing section 3321.03 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.