

**VILLAGE OF OYSTER BAY COVE
LOCAL LAW 3-2015
“OUTDOOR LIGHTING”**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Oyster Bay Cove as follows:

SECTION 1. Repeal Chapter 200, “*Outdoor Lighting*,” in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Add new Chapter 200 “*Outdoor Lighting*,” to read as follows:

**Chapter 200
OUTDOOR LIGHTING**

§200-1. No person, firm or corporation, or their respective agents, servants or employees, shall install, repair, alter, replace, re-locate, operate or maintain any permanent outdoor light fixture, lamp or other artificial means of radiating light (“exterior lighting”) on private property in the Village which is not in compliance with the following requirements:

- (a) All exterior lighting shall be either “fully shielded” or fitted with opaque hoods, shields, louvers, shades, and other devices to insure that all light generated by the light source is directed downward and not outward horizontally, and so fitted that no portion of the light source is visible when the light fixture is viewed from the property line. The term “*light source*” includes the light bulb and all refractive, reflective, and translucent light transmitting parts of the fixture. Post lanterns, pier lanterns and lanterns mounted on residences are exempt from the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Chapter.
- (b) No exterior light source, including fixtures not mounted on the primary structure, shall be mounted higher than 12 feet measured from the actual grade immediately beneath the light source.
- (c) No exterior lighting shall illuminate any public or private road, public waterway, public beach, conservation easement, or public right of way.
- (d) No exterior light source shall illuminate, reflect, spill over, or otherwise create a nuisance upon an adjoining property.
- (e) No flashing, laser, searchlight, strobe, tracing, pulsating, or neon exterior lighting is permitted.
- (f) No recreational court, including tennis courts, basketball courts, or sports courts shall be artificially illuminated after 10 p.m.

- (g) Lighting intended to illuminate foliage, trees, landscape, or architectural structures must be fully shielded and turned off daily by midnight. Temporary holiday exterior lighting is exempt from the provisions of this Chapter, except that such temporary exterior lighting shall not be lit earlier than 21 days before the date of the respective holiday and must be disabled within fifteen (15) days after the date of the respective holiday and must be turned off daily by 1:00 a.m.
- (h) No outdoor light fixture shall be operated by a “dusk to dawn” timer or sensor, unless motion sensor activated. Motion sensor light fixtures shall be operable to shut off after 10 minutes and shall not be triggered by activity located off the property.
- (i) Exterior light source(s) illuminating a driveway or walkway shall be mounted only along the margins of the driveway or walkway, mounted no higher than 18 inches from the grade at its base and spaced at intervals of no less than 6 feet.
- (j) Exterior light source(s) installed along fences are prohibited.
- (k) Lighting that is determined by municipal law enforcement personnel to contribute to a condition of disabling or distracting glare into a public roadway from a light source may be ordered to be extinguished at any time.

§200-2. Any exterior lighting existing on the effective date of this Local Law shall be extinguished or brought into compliance with its provisions on or before August 17, 2016.

§200-3. Any person complaining about a violation of this Chapter, may make a written complaint to the Village Code Enforcement Officer. Each complaint submitted to the Village Code Enforcement Officer shall include the date, time, place and manner in which a violation of this Chapter has occurred and must be signed by the complainant.

Upon receipt of a written complaint, the Village Code Enforcement Officer, upon verification of a violation, shall issue an appearance ticket to appear in the Village Justice Court.

§200-4. The Board of Zoning Appeals, after a public hearing, may grant variances from the requirements of this Article.

SECTION III. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.