

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
2006-3
RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING ORDINANCE**

An ordinance to amend certain portions of Chapter 4, General and Special Regulations, of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The Township of Vergennes hereby ordains:

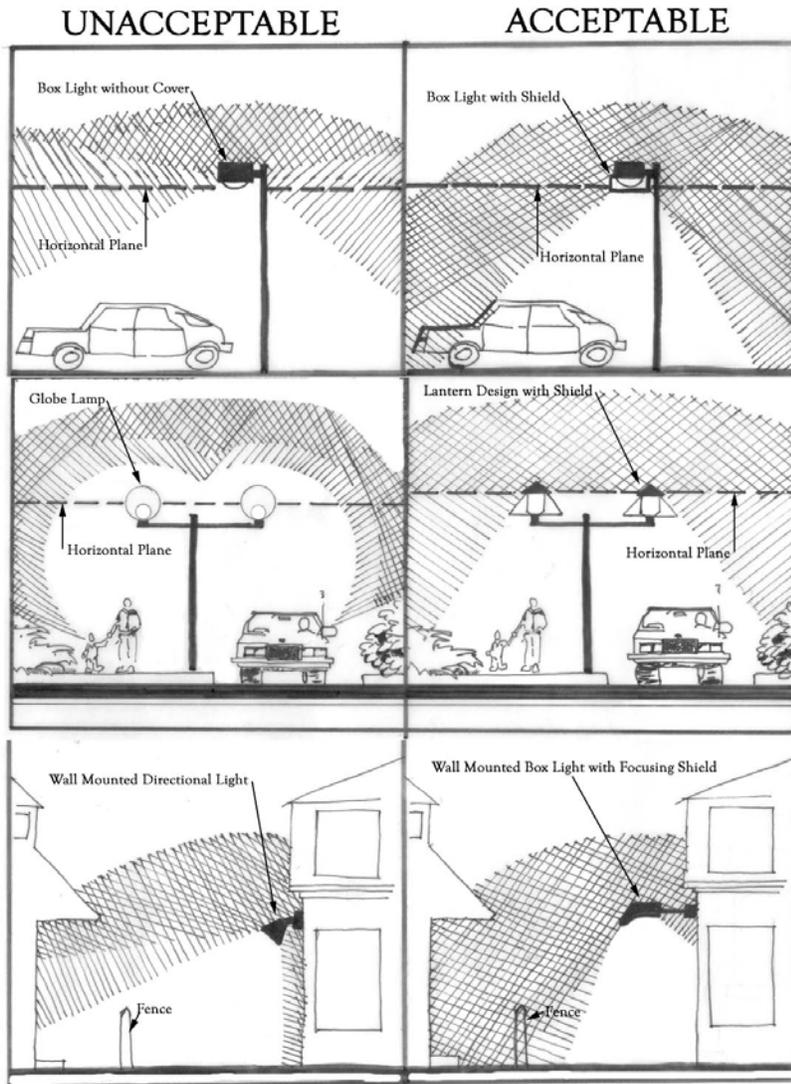
Section 1. Amend Chapter 4, to add a new section 201.413A, Residential Lighting Ordinance, of the Township Zoning Ordinance, to add the following new language:

SECTION 4.13A RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING ORDINANCE

- A Intent and purpose: To maintain the rural character of our community by promoting the sensible energy efficient use of exterior lighting that limits unnecessary light from being directed skyward or onto neighboring properties.
- B Exterior Lighting shall be designed, constructed and installed in accordance with the following:
1. Insure that direct or directly reflected light is confined to the site.
 2. Lamps and luminaries shall be shielded, hooded and/or louvered to provide a glare-free area beyond the property line and/or onto any public right-of-way. The light source shall not be directly visible from beyond the boundary of the site and light rays may not be emitted by the installed fixture at angles above the horizontal plane of the fixture.
 3. No elevated exterior light fixture, including, but not limited to, light poles, canopy lights, soffit lights and similar fixtures, shall exceed fourteen (14) feet in height above grade. The height of light fixtures required for doors and decks above grade can be measured from the walking surface (i.e. deck) they illuminate.
 4. There shall be no lighting of a blinking, flashing or fluttering nature, including changes in light intensity, brightness or color. Beacon and search lights are not permitted.
 5. No colored lights shall be used at any location or in any manner so as to be confused with or construed as traffic control devices.
 6. Exterior lighting in place prior to the adoption of this Ordinance is exempt (adopted 8-21-06). Also exempt is lighting used for agricultural production purposes.
 7. Seasonal holiday lighting, such as for Christmas, is allowed providing it does not create objectionable glare.
 8. Sign lighting is also subject to section 201.403.
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Refer to lighting illustrations below for examples of acceptable and unacceptable lighting:



Section 2. Conflicts. If any provision of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance conflicts with this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the most restrictive provision shall be applied.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section or part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional, null or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not have any effect on the validity of the remaining sections or parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

Certification

I, Mari C. Stone, Township Clerk of the Township of Vergennes, hereby certify that Ordinance 2006-3 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on August 21, 2006, and the Ordinance or a summary of the ordinance was published in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Vergennes, on August 30, 2006.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk