

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

ORDINANCE #25-05

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 374 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED
“NUISANCES, PUBLIC HEALTH” TO PROHIBIT INTRUSIVE OUTDOOR
LIGHTING**

WHEREAS, the Township Nuisances Ordinance, Chapter 374 of the Code of the Township of Vernon, seeks to protect and promote the public health through the control, abatement and prevention of conditions injurious to the public health and safety;

WHEREAS, the Nuisance Ordinance prohibits conditions and activities deemed to be detrimental or a threat to the public health or environment or an annoyance interfering with the comfort and well-being of the residents of the Township;

WHEREAS, Township Council finds and determines that outdoor lighting fixtures that illuminate beyond the property on which they are installed, when left on during the late night and early morning hours, unreasonably disrupt the peace and privacy of neighboring residents and endanger public health;

WHEREAS, amending the Nuisance Ordinance to prohibit these conditions will provide a mechanism for abatement as well as enforcement when appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that Chapter 374 of the Code of the Township of Vernon, at Section 374-5, is hereby amended to include the following prohibitions:


“374-5. Exterior Lighting standards.

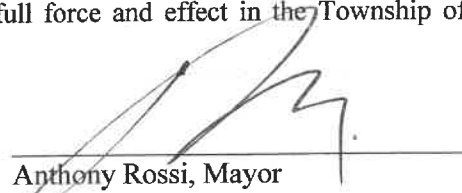
- A. Outdoor lighting fixtures that are not shielded and constructed to prevent illumination beyond the property on which they are installed, including lights controlled by motion detectors, shall be turned off between 10 P.M. and sunrise. Lighting shall be presumed to prevent illumination beyond the property if it is shielded and directed downward and no direct light is emitted above a plane extending outward from the base of the light source parallel to the ground. Illumination beyond the property between 10:00 P.M. and sunrise is prohibited.”
- B. All lighting fixtures shall conform with all applicable state and federal requirements and industry standards, including, but not limited to, International Building Code/2021. NJ Edition, International Energy Conservation Code/2021, ASHRAE 90.1-2019, National Electrical Code 2020.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Meeting of the Township Council held on April 14, 2025, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on April 28, 2025 at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard. The above ordinance will be in full force and effect in the Township of Vernon according to law.


Marcy Gianattasio, Clerk
Township of Vernon


Anthony Rossi, Mayor

Township of Vernon

INTRODUCED: April 14, 2025

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.	X		X			
DeBenedetto, J.						X
Higgins, W.		X	X			
Sparta, B.			X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			

ADOPTED: April 28, 2025

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.	X		X			
DeBenedetto, J.			X			
Higgins, W.		X	X			
Sparta, B.						X
Rizzuto, P.			X			