

Town of Palm Beach Exterior Lighting Requirements

1. Cut sheets depicting lighting details, and a site/plot plan showing lighting locations must be submitted.
2. No light bulb or source of illumination shall be visible while standing at or outside of the property line. Wall sconces or column top fixtures are excluded. The light bulbs in eave fixtures must be shielded so that the lamp is not visible from off the property line. Decorative wall sconces that are visible from the street are allowed but shall be lamped with bulbs not exceeding 15 watts per bulb, and not more than 4 bulbs per fixture.
3. No high-pressure or low-pressure sodium light bulbs can be used for landscape lighting.
4. Any bulbs or sources of illumination in fixtures mounted in trees or above eye level on structures shall not be visible off the property. All down lighting shall not exceed 2 ft. candles on residential property and 8 ft. candles on commercial properties as measured at ground level directly below the source of illumination. Down lighting scheme must be approved by Town Staff through ARCOM or LPC Administrative Approval. The maximum wattage per acre for down lighting schemes shall not exceed 3,750 watts; however, shall not be counted as contributing to the total landscape (vertical illumination quantity) lighting system. The use of baffling, shielding techniques, internal hex louvers and screening should reduce the total output to 3,000 watts. Baffling, shielding, internal hex louvers and screening is encouraged.
5. Maximum cumulative wattage of light fixtures using mercury vapor and/or fluorescent light bulbs supplied at 120 volts, 24 volts and 12 volts, per acre is 5,000 watts.
6. Maximum cumulative wattage of light fixtures using mercury vapor and/or florescent light bulbs supplied at 120 volts, 220 volts, 208 volts, and 277 volts, per acre is 5,000 watts. The use of baffling, shielding techniques, internal hex louvers and screening is encouraged.
7. Maximum cumulative wattage of light fixtures using metal halide light bulbs supplied at 120 volts, 220 volts, 208 volts and 277 volts, per acre is 2,000.
8. Maximum number of landscape lighting fixtures per acre is 150 regardless of wattage.
9. Illumination on the elevation of a residence or commercial building is discouraged unless architectural features and anchor points are the purpose of illumination. Visible security flood lighting is prohibited unless approved directly by ARCOM.
10. No more than one half foot-candle of light may be reflected off or spill off of a property. Furthermore, lighting shall not be directed or aimed in such a manner as to create a nuisance or glare to any abutting properties or to any passers-by (either by foot or in a moving vehicle). Violation of any one of these requirements shall be subject to action by the Code Enforcement Board.
11. No light shall be unshielded where the lighting element is visible in any fashion, i.e. wall packs and any approved security fixtures. Any light that egresses its property of installation must be shielded and directed to reduce light trespass to the satisfaction of ARCOM, the Planning Administrator or assigned staff.
12. Red, yellow, blue, and green incandescent light bulbs that are visible from the street or public right-of-way are prohibited except during Town approved holiday intervals.
13. Mixture of Kelvin ratings by lamp types is discouraged where the difference is more than 25%, i.e. 5,500 Kelvin and 4,100 Kelvin is permissible. Exceptions may be allowed in circumstances such as where incandescent lamps are used to illuminate sculpture or fountains.
14. Light fixtures mounted on the ground, unless decorative types, path lights, etc., are to be hidden in landscape material, and not visible from outside the property line.

I verify that the proposed design meets all conditions listed above.

Property Address _____

Name - please print

Signature

Date

Phone

Seal of Design
Professional
(if applicable)

Signature & Stamp of Notary (if Design Professional is not used)

My Commission Expires: _____

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