



OUTDOOR LIGHTING

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- ❑ The City of Killeen partnered with Fort Hood and surrounding local cities and Bell County in the creation of the Fort Hood Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).
- ❑ Section Five of the JLUS provides compatibility tools that could be utilized to establish a framework for compatible growth. One of the tools is outdoor lighting.
- ❑ The JLUS speaks to the adoption of standards that would “....protect against the use of outdoor lighting in a way that interferes with...military and training activities of the military installation, base or camp.”

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- Staff is proposing this outdoor lighting ordinance for 3 reasons: to implement a regulatory recommendation established as part of the Fort Hood Joint Land Use Study; to improve the quality of life, and to provide uniformity citywide with respect to outdoor lighting.
- The ordinance provides a purpose statement, definitions for light trespass and uplighting, review requirements, standards and exceptions.

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- The exceptions include certain outdoor lighting fixtures, governmental or public safety personnel, approved streetlights, holiday/seasonal lighting and lighting for temporary special activities or construction projects.
- The ordinance establishes a height limitation of twenty (20) feet for exterior lighting structures and effectively prohibits light trespass onto adjacent properties.

Alternatives

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- If approved, the ordinance will establish uniform outdoor lighting standards in all City zoning districts, while replacing the existing lighting standards within the University and Cemetery Districts.
- The City Council has the following alternatives:
 - approve the ordinance as presented;
 - disapprove the ordinance; or
 - approve the ordinance with amendments.

Recommendations

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- Staff provided the ordinance to Fort Hood. They stated that they have no issues or concerns with the ordinance.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted multiple workshop discussions and held a public hearing on the ordinance on July 15th, where they unanimously recommended approval of the item.
- Staff recommends that the City Council approve the ordinance as presented.