

EXISTING LIGHTING (Sec. 8109-4.7.2)

FOR ALL ZONES:

From November 1, 2019, unless exempt, existing lights shall be:

- Directed downward (if feasible); and
- Turned off during dark hours (generally after 10:00 p.m.), or when people are no longer present, whichever is later, until sunrise.

Note: Nonconforming *essential lighting* may remain in use until replaced, including during dark hours.

FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES:

From November 1, 2021, existing lighting for commercial and industrial uses shall comply with Sec. 8109-4.7.4. Property owners may apply for an extension to this deadline.

After November 1, 2021, existing lighting for commercial and industrial uses approved by a discretionary permit shall be conditioned to comply with Sec. 8109-4.7.4 within a reasonable time period. This condition will be applied when the permit undergoes a minor or major modification.

WHAT'S EXEMPT? (Sec. 8109-4.7.5)

- Temporary emergency lighting
- Temporary construction lighting
- Temporary, intermittent night lighting for agricultural uses, which are usual or customary
- Temporary lighting which has a permit
- Temporary lighting for outdoor events
- Wireless communication facilities lighting, as regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration
- Signage
- Seasonal or festive lighting
- Lighting of 60 lumens or less (includes solar lights)
- Lighting on public / private streets
- Facilities subject to state or federal regulations
- Lighting at public schools

OJAI VALLEY DARK SKY OVERLAY ZONE

Purpose of the Dark Sky Overlay Zone:

- *Protect and reclaim ability to view the night sky and stars;*
- *Greater tranquility and maintenance of the rural ambiance;*
- *Minimize light pollution by protecting against direct glare and excessive lighting;*
- *Provide standards for efficient and moderate use of outdoor lighting;*
- *Promote safe, energy-efficient and cost effective outdoor lighting.*



COUNTY OF VENTURA
Planning Division

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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805-654-2488

Website and FAQ:

www.vcrma.org/ojai-valley-dark-sky-ordinance

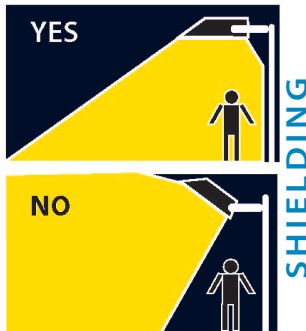
GENERAL STANDARDS (Sec. 8109-4.7.4)

• USE FULLY-SHIELDED FIXTURES, DIRECTED DOWNWARD:

Lights at building entrances (e.g., porch lights) may be partially shielded.



Fully-shielded Partially-shielded



• LIGHTING COLOR:

Maximum 3,000 Kelvin, except lighting for security cameras, which may be a cooler color temperature.

• LIGHTING INTENSITY:

Maximum 850 lumens, except security lighting (2,600 lumens max.) and outdoor recreational facility lighting.

• LIGHT TRESPASS LEVELS:

Limits to ensure minimal spillover beyond the property line are included in See §8109-4.7.4(i).

• OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY LIGHTING:

(for new public and private tennis courts, basketball courts, equestrian arenas, etc.)

- Lighting levels not to exceed IESNA recommendations (See §8109-4.7.4(g)).
- See **maximum height allowances** for attached and freestanding lighting.

- **DARK HOURS** (*time when lights must be turned off, unless exempt*): From 10:00 pm, or when people are no longer present, or close of business, whichever is latest, until sunrise.

Exception: Essential Lighting can remain on during Dark Hours. Exemptions to Dark Hours are listed in the right sidebar.

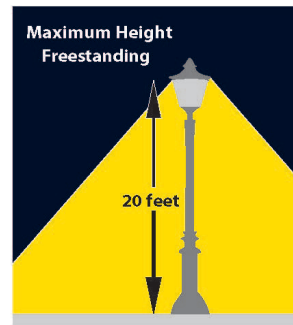
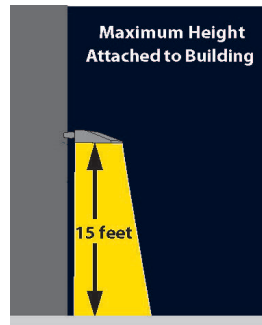
• MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWANCE:

When Attached to -

- Structures = 15 feet max.
- Fences = no higher than height of fence

Freestanding -

- For walkways, driveways, or hardscaping – 2 feet max. (except commercial and industrial uses)
- All other freestanding – 20 feet max., unless specified by permit.



• SECURITY LIGHTING:

- Can be max. 2,600 lumens.
- If security lighting is more than 850 lumens, **must** be on motion sensors & timer with max. 10 mins activation time, during dark hours.
- No motion sensors for fully-shielded security lighting under 850 lumens, or for security lighting for agricultural uses in AE, OS and RA zones.
- Security lighting is deemed **essential lighting** and is not subject to dark hours.
- Security lighting used with cameras can be more than 3,000 Kelvin, as required by the system.

• NIGHT LIGHTING FOR ENCLOSED TRANSLUCENT OR TRANSPARENT GREENHOUSES:

New lighting in greenhouses shall use fully- or partially-shielded directional lighting, and blackout screens on roofs and walls, from 10:00 p.m. until sunrise.

• GAS STATIONS:

Canopies shall have recessed lighting, with no additional lighting on columns.

LIGHT ALLOWED AFTER 10:00 P.M.

- **Essential lighting:**
 - Security lighting
 - Lighting for walkways, driveways, and at building entrances
- **Lighting for exterior areas where people are still present**
- **Lights under 60 lumens, including solar lights**
- **Porch lights**
- **Lighting used by businesses that are still open**
- **Temporary lighting**
- **Parking lot lighting**, if permitted through a discretionary permit
- **Exempt lighting**, including holiday lights
- **Lighting subject to pre-emptive state or federal standards for illumination**

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL LIGHTING?

Lighting that is used for safety purposes and for circulation, including:

- Security lighting, subject to requirements in §8109-4.7.4(e)
- Illuminates walkways and driveways
- Illuminates a building entrance (such as porch lights)

This essential lighting is allowed to remain on at all times.

PROHIBITED LIGHTING (Sec. 8109-4.7.3)

- Flashing, blinking, strobe lights
- Perimeter lot lighting, unless used for security/safety purposes, or less than 60 lumens

NOTE: Existing lighting that is prohibited shall be turned off after November 1, 2019.