

Agenda Amended 3/7/22

Village of Lansing Board of Trustees Meeting Online via Zoom Videoconferencing/Teleconferencing* March 7, 2022 @ 7:30pm

7:30 Call to Order

Public Comment Period*

Approve Stormwater Training or Code Officer

Consider Ithaca Apartments Management/Northwood Apartment Request to Waive Late Fees from October 2021.

7:35 Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A (2022)-Lighting Law Short EAF

TCAT Discussion on Bus Shelter

Authorize Mayor to Sign for the Land Transfers and Easements for the Shops at Ithaca Mall

Consider Verizon Gross Receipt Tax Audit Recovery Settlement Agreement

Consider Recreation Partnership Agreement for 2023-27

Budget Discussion

Mayor's Comments

General Discussion
-newsletter articles by March 22nd

Adjournment

*If you are interested in attending the videoconference/teleconference meeting contact the Village Clerk to get the meeting link - clerk@vlansing.org.

Pursuant to NYS Senate Bill S50001 (Part E) allows state and local government entities to meet remotely by conference call or similar service, so long as the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and provided such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. (Expires 3/15/22)

(Part E)-and in relation to authorizing political subdivisions to permit any public body to hold meetings remotely and without in-person access during the COVID-19 state disaster emergency; and provides for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (2022)

AMENDMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF LANSING CODE/ZONING LAW TO ADD A SECTION ON EXTERIOR LIGHTING.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

It is the purpose and intent of this local law to amend the Village of Lansing Code/Zoning Law to promote proper lighting for the safety and security of the public, to reduce the unwanted effects of improper or poorly placed lighting, and to reduce wasteful energy costs resulting from excessive lighting. With new lighting technologies having developed luminaires that are extremely powerful, the Village of Lansing will review new and upgraded exterior lighting to reduce improper installation and the unwanted effects of excessive glare and light trespass. Exterior lighting should be carefully designed, located, installed, and directed in such a manner as to avoid interference with the safe operation of motor vehicles, prevent light trespass onto adjacent properties, and prevent direct upward light emission to maintain compliance with the Dark Sky standard. The proposed zoning action is intended to be consistent with the Village Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION II. AMENDMENTS.

Chapter 145 (entitled “Zoning”) of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended to add Section 145-20.2 as follows:

145-20.2 Exterior Lighting.

- A. Exterior lighting should be carefully designed, located, installed, and directed in such a manner as to avoid interference with the safe operation of motor vehicles, prevent light trespass onto adjacent properties, and prevent direct upward light emission to maintain compliance with the Dark Sky standard. Consideration should be given to the needs of public safety.**
- B. Any new, upgraded, or change of location to the exterior lighting within the Commercial (CHT, CMT, CLT), Business and Technology (BTD), Human Health Services (HHS), and High-Density Residential (HDR) Districts are subject to a lighting plan review by the Village of Lansing Lighting Commission.**
- C. The Lighting Commission may also apply this section to other districts when the Code Enforcement Officer determines that new, upgraded, or relocated exterior lighting is in violation. Any new, upgraded, or change of location to the exterior lighting in all districts is required to be downward facing, full cut-off, or fully shielded to prevent glare and light trespass.**
- D. A Lighting Site Plan will be provided to the Lighting Commission that contains, but is not limited to:**
 - (1) All exterior lighting fixture locations (new and existing) identified/keyed**
 - (2) Type and number of fixtures**
 - (3) Mounting height**

(4) Distance to the nearest property line for each fixture

(5) Lighting schedule

(6) Photometrics for all fixtures

E. Lighting Regulations.

(1) All lighting should be downward facing, full cut-off, or fully shielded to prevent glare and light trespass and produce no more than 5 surface lumens (or footcandles).

(2) All new fixtures shall be of the dimmable nature and not exceed 3000 kelvin in color temperature.

(3) Pole lights are measured from the lowest point adjacent to the base to the top of fixture with a maximum height of 25 feet.

(4) All non-essential lighting shall be turned off one half hour after close of business, leaving only necessary lighting for security. No more than 50% of total site lighting capacity can remain on overnight unless approved by the Lighting Commission. (See Appendix G for examples)

(a) Non-essential lighting may be recommended by the applicant then considered and agreed upon by the Lighting Commission taking into consideration light trespass, glare, and safety.

(b) Commencing on the adoption date of this law, any new lighting or fixture replacement must be of the dimmable nature.

(5) Landscape and sign lighting must be unobtrusive, downward facing, shielded to avoid glare, and meet current sign lighting laws (Village Code Section 115).

F. Specialty Lighting.

(1) **Recreational Facilities.** Any light source permitted by this chapter may be used for lighting of outdoor recreational facilities (public or private), such as, but not limited to, football fields, soccer fields, baseball fields, softball fields, tennis courts, or show areas, provided all of the following conditions are met:

(a) All fixtures used for event lighting shall be fully shielded as defined in this Section

(b) All events shall be scheduled so as to complete all activity before 10:30 p.m.

(2) **Lighting under roof overhangs and canopies.**

(a) Light fixtures mounted under roof overhangs and canopies shall be recessed so that the lens cover is recessed or flush with the bottom surface (soffit) of the canopy and/or shielded by the fixture or the edge of the canopy so that light is restrained to no more than 85° from vertical.

(b) Lights shall not be mounted on the top or sides (facias) of the canopy, and the sides of the canopy shall not be illuminated.

(c) Existing nonconforming lighting under or on roof overhangs and canopies shall fall under Section “G” of this local law.

(3) *Temporary exterior lighting.* Temporary exterior lighting is permitted by the Village Code unless:

(a) lighting causes disability glare to motorists, pedestrians, or cyclists

(b) lighting causes annoyance or light trespass to neighboring properties

G. Existing Nonconforming Lighting. All luminaires lawfully in place on the effective date of this section that do not meet the requirements of this section are exempt from this section, except that:

(1) Any luminaire that replaces an existing nonconforming luminaire, or any existing nonconforming luminaire that is moved, must meet the requirements of this chapter.

(2) Any existing nonconforming luminaire that creates unacceptable glare or light trespass shall be either shielded or redirected within 30 days of notification to the owner or occupant by the Village, so that the direct light is contained on the property.

- (3) Existing nonconforming luminaires that direct light toward streets or parking lots and cause disability glare to motorists, pedestrians, or cyclists shall be either shielded or redirected within 30 days of notification to the owner or occupant by the Village, so that the luminaires do not cause a potential hazard to motorists, pedestrians, or cyclists;

Chapter 145-3 (entitled “Terms defined”) of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended to add the following definition:

***Temporary exterior lighting.* --Any exterior lighting designed for the use of less than 30 days.**

Chapter 145-83 (entitled “Performance standards”) of the Village of Lansing Code is hereby amended to add the following Appendix:

Appendix G: Exterior Lighting Example For 50% Reduction

Example Subject is a retail building with a parking lot and business closes at 10 pm. Total number of exterior lights are 10.

- 1) If exterior lighting is dimmable, lights above entries and delivery areas can remain at full capacity*. Remaining lights must be dimmed 50% one half-hour after business hours.**
- 2) If exterior lighting is not dimmable, lights above entries and delivery areas can remain at full capacity*. Using the subject building above, if there is 1 (one) entry light and 1 (one) delivery area, then only 3 other lights will be allowed to remain on (total 5 out of 10) one half-hour after business hours.**

***3000 Kelvin**

SECTION III. SUPERCEDING EFFECT.

All local laws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and other enactments of the Village of Lansing in conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this local law full force and effect.

SECTION IV. VALIDITY.

The invalidity of any provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall be effective ten (10) days after publication and posting as required by law, except that it shall be effective from the date of service as against a person served with a copy thereof, certified by the Village Clerk, and showing the date of its passage and entry in the Minutes of the Village Board of Trustees.