



City of Rolling Hills

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City of Rolling Hills Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

An important goal of the City of Rolling Hills General Plan is to maintain a rural character, which includes preserving natural darkness. The following information is being provided in order to assist residents with planning the placement and brightness of outdoor lighting as allowed per the Rolling Hills Municipal Code (Section 17.16.190E Outdoor Lighting) and in accordance with the General Plan Land Use Goals as shown on p. 2

Type of Light	Zoning Code Regulations
Lighting along pedestrian & vehicular pathways for the purpose of providing safe passage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 25 wattage incandescent light bulb per fixture. • Bulbs shall be nonreflective, shielded, obscured, with light cast downward. • Fixtures spaced no closer than 20' apart. • No higher than 18" from grade to the top of the fixture.
Security lighting at entryways to structures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security light not to shine for longer than 5 minutes following activation. • Security lighting shall be nonreflective and shall not exceed 150 wattage incandescent light bulbs.
Address sign lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One ground-mounted address sign light OR one downward casting address sign mounted light. • The bulb not to exceed 15 wattage incandescent lights. • The light fixture, if ground mounted, shall not be higher than 18" from grade to top of the fixture. • If mounted on top of the address sign – must cast light downwards.
Entry post or pilaster lighting only at the foot of a driveway and at a courtyard entrance to the residence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulbs shielded and obscured by the light fixtures. • Light to cast downward and not spill onto the roadway or adjacent properties. • Bulbs nonreflective and not to exceed 40 wattage incandescent bulb in each fixture.
Lighting on porches and exterior walls of structures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulbs are shielded and obscured by the lighting fixtures. • Light to cast downward and light does not spill onto the roadway or adjacent properties. • Bulbs nonreflective and not to exceed a total wattage in each light fixture of 40 wattage incandescent bulb (except for lighting fixtures at primary entrance) • Lighting fixtures at the primary entrance to a residence need not cast light downward and may be controlled by a timer. • Lighting fixtures on an exterior wall of a structure immediately adjacent to a patio or terrace used as ambient light for cooking, dining or entertaining need not cast light downward, but must be operated manually (not on timer) and illuminated only when needed.
Temporary lighting for holidays and special events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is allowed.

Rolling Hills General Plan – Land Use Goals:

Land Use Goal 1: Maintain Rolling Hills distinctive rural residential character.
Policy 1.5: Preserve a natural twilight environment at night by prohibiting street lighting and uplighting of landscaping and minimizing driveway lighting.

Land Use Goal 2: Accommodate development which is compatible with and complements existing land use.
Policy 2.2: Require that lighting of residential properties not adversely affect adjacent residences.

Modification: Property owners may apply for modifications to the lighting regulations by submittal of an application form and a fee. All modifications will be considered by the Planning Commission.

PLEASE NOTE:

This is only a summary of the regulations.
Please refer to the full Ordinance in Section 17.16.190E of the Rolling Hills Municipal Code.

Design of light fixtures are subject to approval by the Rolling Hills Community Association.

**For more information or if you have any questions, please call or visit the Planning Department
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