



## **BUILDING PERMIT/APPLICABLE ENTITLEMENT PERMIT LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS**

Lassen County Code Section 18.108.155  
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### ***Lighting Requirements, Building Permits for new Structures, Additions, etc.:***

Section 18.108.155 (see below) requires that exterior and interior lighting "...confine direct lighting to the premises." As such, this handout is intended to illustrate examples of compatible lighting arrangements (see second page). Said Section is enforced directly for any addition or new structure that requires plan checking or for any pertinent entitlement application (e.g. Use Permit). The lighting requirements of said Code Section will be noted on any approved plans for new structures or additions that require plan check. Applicants will be required to provide information regarding any planned exterior lighting in conjunction with any such building permit prior to issuance of a building permit or acceptance of any pertinent entitlement application.

Section 18.108.155 of the Lassen County Code reads as follows:

*Unless otherwise provided in this title, the following lighting requirements shall apply: all lighting, exterior and interior, shall be designed and located so as to confine direct lighting to the premises. A light source shall not shine upon or illuminate directly on any surface other than the area required to be lighted. No lighting shall be of the type or in a location so as to constitute a hazard to vehicular traffic, either on private property or on abutting streets.*

### ***Application and Review Procedures: Lighting Plan:***

All sign permit applications, subdivision applications, parcel map applications, building permit applications, use permit applications and other development review applications, within any zoning district, shall include a lighting plan (if applicable) that shows evidence that the proposed lighting fixtures and light sources comply with the above Section of County Code. Lighting plans shall include the following:

1. Plans or drawings indicating the proposed location of lighting fixtures, height of lighting fixtures on the premises, type of illumination devices, lamps, supports, shielding and reflectors used, and installation and electrical details.
2. Illustrations/drawings (such as those provided by the manufacturer) of all proposed lighting fixtures. The applicant must provide sufficient information regarding the light fixture, bulb wattage, and shielding mechanisms to be able to determine compliance with the provisions of the above Section.
3. A table showing the total amount of proposed exterior lights, by fixture type, wattage, lumens, etc.

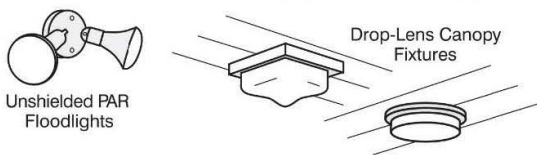
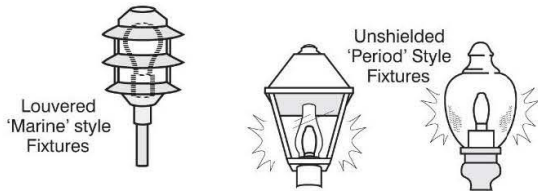
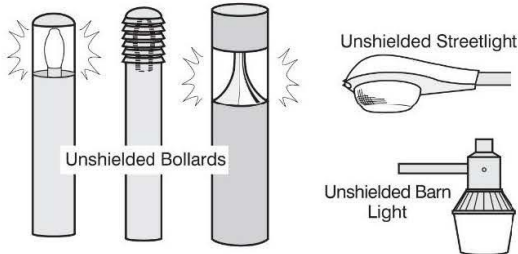
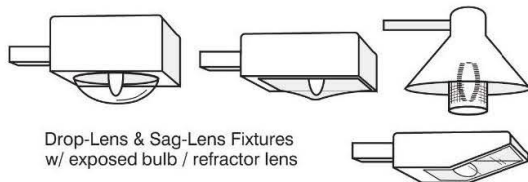
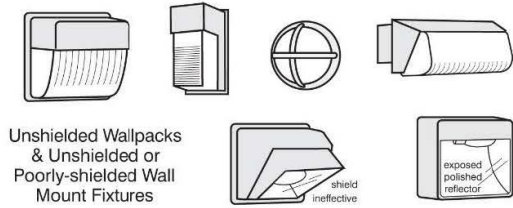
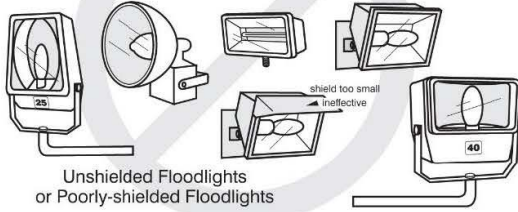
### ***Approval Procedure:***

The lighting plan for all new development shall be submitted for approval concurrent with the associated application process. Said plan may be deferred if unavailable at permit issuance, but, if applicable, must be approved prior to the final inspection. A certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until the lighting has been inspected by the Planning and Building Services Department.

## Examples of Acceptable / Unacceptable Lighting Fixtures

### Unacceptable

Fixtures that produce glare and light trespass



### Acceptable

Fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass and to facilitate better vision at night

