Zoning Changes for Lighting



- Response to Task Force concerns about new development projects
- Focus on developments that trigger project review requirements
- Strengthens requirements and review procedures related to outdoor lighting in development projects
- Not meant to regulate aspects of lighting that are controlled by the proposed municipal Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

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- 1. Explicitly include façade, landscape and rooftop lighting in special permit application requirements
- 2. Explicitly mention façade, landscape and rooftop lighting in criteria for projects requiring urban design review
- 3. Limit lighting of mechanical equipment for projects 25,000 SF or more (unless modified by special permit)
- 4. Prohibit lighting above rooftops for projects 25,000 SF or more (unless modified by special permit)





Planning Board Review (19.20 and other Sections)

Building and Site Plan Requirements (19.50)

Current Zoning

Projects 50,000+ square feet Smaller projects in some areas

Projects 25,000+ square feet





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(19.20 a	ind ot	her Se	ctions)

Building and Site Plan Requirements (19.50)

Current Zoning Required application materials including plans and urban design narrative

Review for conformance with Citywide Urban Design Objectives (19.30), which include lighting Specific requirements must be met unless waived by Planning Board special permit:

- Height and setbacks
- Location of uses
- Historic resources
- Landscaping
- Pedestrian environment
- Parking
- Mechanical equipment, refuse, loading
- Open space

Proposed Zoning

Add application requirement: "measures taken to mitigate light pollution from outdoor lighting, including façade, landscape and rooftop lighting"

Add: "No exterior lighting shall be allowed above the roof of a building."





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Building and Site Plan Requirements (19.50)

Current Zoning

Objective: "Outdoor lighting is designed to provide minimum lighting and necessary to ensure adequate safety, night vision, and comfort, while minimizing light pollution."

Standards for mechanical equipment placement, screening and noise mitigation.

Proposed Zoning

Add: "including façade, landscape and rooftop lighting, ..."

Add: "Shall only be lighted to the minimum extent necessary to meet applicable safety regulations."

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