

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 5.8.4.A DESIGN STANDARDS FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING OF THE BEAUFORT CODE TO ALLOW LIGHT POLES IN AUTOCENTRIC AREAS TO BE A MAXIMUM OF 30 FEET ABOVE GRADE

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has conferred to the City of Beaufort the power to enact ordinances “in relation to roads, streets, markets, law enforcement, health, and order in the municipality or respecting any subject which appears to it necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of the municipality or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government in it . . .” as set forth in *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, Section 5-7-20; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaufort adopted the *Beaufort Code* by reference on June 27, 2017, as set forth in section 5-6001 of the *Code of Ordinances Beaufort, South Carolina*; and

WHEREAS, the amendment of the *Beaufort Code* is “for the general purpose of guiding development in accordance with existing and future needs and promoting the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, appearance, prosperity, and general welfare” in accordance with *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, Section 6-29-710; and

WHEREAS, the amendment of the zoning ordinance still limits the maximum height of light poles in pedestrian areas, and in travel ways containing on-street parking at 15 feet above grade; and

WHEREAS, the amendment of the zoning ordinance does not alter any other exterior lighting design standard, viz., shielding requirements and maximum illuminance; and

WHEREAS, the amendment is consistent with the goals for development as outlined in the City’s comprehensive plan and *Civic Master Plan*; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the Beaufort City Council was held regarding changes to the administrative adjustment ordinance on <month-day-year>, with notice of the hearing published in *The Beaufort Gazette* on <month-day-year>;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled and by authority of same, pursuant to the power vested in the Council by Section 6-29-760, *Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976*, that *The Beaufort Code* be amended by revising Section 5.8.4.A, “Design Standards for Exterior Lighting,” by deleting the current paragraph A and replacing it with a new paragraph A to read as follows:

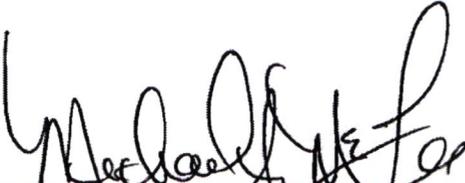
A. Maximum Lighting Height: For purposes of these regulations, the mounting height of a lighting fixture shall be defined as the vertical distance from the grade elevation of the surface being illuminated to the top of the light post, not including the fixture.

1. In pedestrian oriented areas, the height of the light post shall not exceed 15 feet above grade.
2. In auto-centric areas, such as parking lots which support shopping centers, large retailers,

or manufacturing sites, etc., the height of the light post shall not exceed 30 feet above grade.

3. Wherever possible, outdoor seating areas, building entrances, and walkways shall be illuminated using ground mounted fixtures not more than 4 feet tall.

4. In historic districts, light poles exceeding 15 feet above grade must be approved by the Historic Review Board.

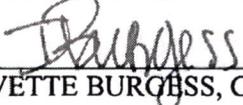


BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

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Attest:



IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK

1st Reading

April 9, 2019

2nd Reading & Adoption

April 23, 2019

Reviewed by:

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