

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE NO. 8 - 2010

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 74-842,  
CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE XI, ILLUMINATION OF SIGNS**

Ann Arbor Charter Township ordains and adopts the following amendments to Section 74-842 Illumination of Signs:

**Sec. 74-842. Illumination of Signs.**

*[Deletions shown as strikethrough. Additions in bold]*

(a) The light from or onto any illuminated sign shall be so shaded, shielded, or directed that the light intensity or brightness shall not adversely affect surrounding or facing premises nor adversely affect safe vision of operators of vehicles moving on public or private roads, highways, or parking areas. Light shall not shine ~~or reflect~~ onto or into residential structures.

(b) No sign shall have blinding, flashing, or fluttering lights or other illuminating devices which have a changing light intensity, brightness, or color, or which are so constructed and operated as to create an appearance or illusion of writing or printing, except that movement showing the date, the time, and the temperature exclusively may be permitted. Nothing contained in this chapter shall, however, be construed as preventing the temporary use of lights or decorations related to religious and patriotic festivities. Beacon lights or search lights shall not be permitted as a sign for advertising purposes.

(c) No exposed reflective type bulbs and no strobe lights or incandescent lamps shall be used on the exterior surface of any sign so as to expose the face of the bulb, light, or lamp to any public street or adjacent property.

(d) **Illumination of the following types of signs shall be limited as follows:**

**1. Wall and Marquee Signs: Wall and marquee signs may be illuminated if the light source is designed to prevent spillage of excess light beyond the edge of the sign face as determined by the Zoning Official. Further, wall or marquee signs may be internally illuminated if the background of the sign is opaque with translucent lettering and logos that allow illumination of the lettering and logos only.**

**2. Ground Signs: Ground signs may be illuminated if the light source is designed to prevent spillage of excess light beyond the edge of the sign face as determined by the Zoning Official. Further, ground signs may be internally**

illuminated, if the background of the sign is opaque with translucent lettering and logos that allow illumination of the lettering and logos only.

**3. Outdoor Advertising Signs:** Outdoor advertising signs shall be illuminated from above using light fixtures that are tightly focused to prevent spillage of excess light beyond the edge of the sign face and directed downward to prevent off-site glare and minimize light pollution.

**4. Applicant Information.** The Township Zoning Official may request and the applicant shall provide at the applicant's expenses sufficient information for the Township Zoning Official to make the foregoing determinations.

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Ann Arbor Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on November 15, 2010.

ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael C. Moran, Supervisor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rena Basch, Clerk

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