

ORDINANCE NO. 282

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARADISE, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 160, ZONING, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PARADISE TOWNSHIP ON JUNE 5, 2007, BY ORDINANCE NO. 159 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO §160-17 EXTERIOR LIGHTING BY: 1) DELETING EXISTING §160-17 AND REPLACING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH NEW §160-17 WHICH INCLUDES A NEW PROVISION REQUIRING FULLY SHIELDED OR FULL CUTOFF LIGHTING FIXTURES FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL USES; AND 2) ADDING PROVISIONS FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Paradise Township is a Second Class Township, organized under the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §65101, et seq. (the “Township”); and

WHEREAS, the Township has the authority to pass ordinances, pursuant to 53 P.S. §66601 of the Second Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township is vested with corporate powers to provide for the peace, good government, health, and welfare of the Township, its citizens, trade, commerce, and manufacturers, pursuant to 53 P.S. §66506.

AND NOW, the Board of Supervisors of Township hereby enacts and ordains, and it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED, as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance Amendments. Existing Chapter 160 Zoning is amended by deleting and replacing the provisions of the enumerated sections set forth below, to wit:

§ 160-17. Exterior lighting.

- A. Lighting objectives.
 - (1) No light source should create glare.
 - (2) No light source should be exposed to the eye except those covered by globes.
 - (3) Lighting should be indirect or surrounded by a shade to hide the light source.
 - (4) Excess glare will be measured by its nuisance value to adjacent residences.
 - (5) Lighting design should be an inherent part of the architectural design.
 - (6) Lighting requirements apply to both area lighting and illuminated signs.
- B. Lighting plan. When exterior lighting is proposed in connection with a use, other than single-family residential, a lighting plan shall be submitted to the Township for approval together with the land use application. All such plans shall be prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Society of Illuminating Engineers.
- C. Glare. No lighting shall produce glare beyond the property on which the lighting is

located. "Glare" is defined as illumination in excess of 0.5 footcandle on adjacent commercial properties and streets and 0.2 footcandle on adjacent residential properties.

D. Measurement. Lighting levels shall be measured in footcandles with a direct reading, portable light meter. The meter sensor shall be mounted in a horizontal position, not more than six inches above the ground. Readings shall be taken only after the cell has been exposed long enough to provide a constant reading. Measurements shall be made after dark with the light source in question on and then with the same source off. The difference between the two readings shall be compared to the maximum permitted illumination at the property line at ground level. This procedure eliminates the effects of moonlight and other ambient light.

E. Additional requirements for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Uses. Fully Shielded or Full Cutoff Lighting Fixtures are required.

SECTION 2. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. If any of the provisions hereof shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinance conflicting with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only insofar as the same are in direct conflict or directly inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an ordinance at the regular meeting of the Paradise Township Board of Supervisors, Monroe County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

PARADISE TOWNSHIP

(Assistant) Secretary

By: _____
Chair

By: _____
(Vice) Chair

By: _____
Supervisor

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by a majority vote of the Paradise Township Board of Supervisors at a meeting of said Board duly held on _____, 2026. Present at the meeting were and a record of their vote was as follows:

	Present	Aye	Nay
Peter Gonze	_____	_____	_____
Reda Briglia	_____	_____	_____
Michael Stein	_____	_____	_____

Further be it certified that public notice of said meeting was given in the manner provided by law; that said Ordinance shall be duly recorded upon the Minutes of the Board, has not been amended or rescinded, and is in full force and effect this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Tina Transue, Secretary

(Township Seal)