

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 15

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 144 OF THE TOWNSHIP
CODE, ENTITLED "NUISANCES, LIGHTING" SO AS TO
AMEND SECTION 144-2, ENTITLED "RESTRICTIONS ON
ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING AND ILLUMINATION"**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Township of Stafford, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township Code of the Township of Stafford is hereby supplemented as to Chapter 144, entitled "Nuisances, Lighting," so as to amend Section 144-2, entitled "Restrictions on Artificial Lighting and Illumination," which shall read as follows:

§ 144-2 Restrictions on Artificial Lighting and Illumination

Artificial lighting or illumination provided on any property or by any use shall adhere to the following standards:

- A. The illumination provided by artificial lighting on the property shall not exceed **0.5** footcandles beyond any property line.
- B. Spotlights or other types of artificial lighting that provide a concentrated beam of light shall be so directed that the beam of light does not extend beyond any property lines.
- C. Spotlights or other types of artificial lighting used to illuminate signs or building faces shall not emit beams of light that extend beyond the vertical plane of the sign or building face that they illuminate and shall not be located in such a manner as to cause the beams of light to be reflected upon any adjoining property, public street or vehicular circulation area.
- D. No artificial lighting shall shine directly upon any neighboring property or be so established that it shall shine directly upon any neighboring property or shall shine directly on or into any room or rooms, porches or patios of any neighboring property, nor shall any artificial lighting be maintained or operated from any structure or land in such a manner as to be a nuisance or any annoyance to neighboring properties or as to interfere with the physical comfort of the occupants of neighboring properties.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Council on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Stafford held on the 7th day of May, 2024, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on the 21st day of May, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Courtroom, located at 260 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.


SUSAN M. FARRELL, RMC, CMR
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Introduction: May 7, 2024

Gov. Body	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Esposito		✓	✓			
Otte			✓			
Krier				✓		
Steadman						✓
LaRocca			✓			
Mower	✓		✓			
Henken			✓			

Adoption: May 21, 2024

Gov. Body	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Esposito	✓		✓			
Otte			✓			
Krier				✓		
Steadman			✓			
LaRocca			✓			
Mower		✓	✓			
Henken			✓			

CERTIFICATION

I, **SUSAN M. FARRELL**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Stafford, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted on second reading and public comment by the Stafford Township Governing Body at their meeting held on the **21st** day of **May, 2024**.


**SUSAN M. FARRELL, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**