



**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
Cumberland County

## Cumberland County Review Report

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### Recommendation: Approval With Comments

<i>Name of Amendment:</i>				
Lighting Requirements				
<i>Municipality:</i>	<i>Date Received:</i>	<i>Date Reviewed:</i>	<i>Reviewed By:</i>	<i>Checked By:</i>
Shippensburg Borough	5/11/2023	5/22/2022	SH	KS
<i>Type of Amendment:</i>				
Zoning Text Amendment				

### Explanation of Amendment:

The Borough of Shippensburg submitted a proposed zoning ordinance text amendment. The amendment will regulate light and glare requirements including outdoor light fixtures and signs. The Borough of Shippensburg Zoning Ordinance was adopted on April 1, 2003.

The proposed text amendment is generally consistent with the Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan and the Shippensburg Borough / Shippensburg Township Joint Comprehensive Plan. In addition, the 2022 Shippensburg Revitalization and Connectivity Plan recommends implementing programs for neighborhood beautification and downtown livability.

### Administrative Comments and Recommendations:

1. The proposed language includes amendment dates from 2020 through 2021. These amendments should not apply to the proposed language as the entire section will be replaced. The borough should clarify the proposed text.
2. The existing language in section 150-56.C.3 references figures 1-3. The proposed language references figure 2 and 3. The borough should determine whether the existing figures will remain in the ordinance. In addition, the borough should determine whether figure 1 will still apply as it is not referenced in the proposed language.

### Technical Comments and Recommendations:

3. The borough should consider residential application of the proposed text. How will the requirements for shut-off, shielding, and footcandles apply to a residential pole light? In addition, how will the borough enforce the requirements for individual residential lights?
4. Proposed section 150-56.C.3.A (page 2) requires all light fixtures to be shielded such that light rays emitted by the fixture comply with the provisions of this section.

Proposed section 150-56.C.3.B (page 2) requires lights to be shielded.

For clarification, CCPD recommends adding a requirement that the light rays emitted are shielded from adjoining properties and roadways.

5. Proposed section 150-56.C.3.C (page 2) requires all outdoor fixtures to have all light focused downward. The borough should consider permitting upward lighting of church steeples, flags, and holiday decorations with limitations regarding the brightness of the bulb.
6. Proposed section 150-56.C.3.I (page 2). This section requires all outdoor light fixtures to be turned off between 11:00PM and sunrise. This appears to contradict existing section 150-72.A.3 and 150-72.B.2 of the ordinance which permits sign illumination only during the normal operating hours of a business or commercial use.
7. Proposed section 150-72 (page 3). This language should be clarified. Current section 150-72 includes a reference to section 150-56.C. This reference should be unchanged in the proposed language. The illumination of permitted signs should comply with the entire section, not just subsection 150-56.C.3.B.

*“Section 505 (b) and 609 (g) of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that amendments to municipal ordinances be filed with the county planning agency. If this amendment is approved, please forward a final copy to the county planning office so we may update our records.”*