

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.58 OF THE CASTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING EXTERIOR LIGHTING

APRIL 1, 2025



BACKGROUND

- The proposed amendment arises out of concerns brought to our attention by District 6 Councilmember Tim Dietz
- Last Christmas, a holiday display generated numerous complaints to the Castle Rock Police Department, primarily because of the use of high-intensity lighting (e.g., laser, strobe, flashing source lighting)
- The use of such lighting appears to have been an intentional effort by the family displaying the lights to antagonize their neighbor for the purpose of generating social media attention

REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT

- Chapter 17.58 contains a broad exemption for temporary holiday displays; as a result, our police officers were left without the option of issuing a municipal summons and complaint
- Town Council first adopted the exterior lighting code in 2003; the provisions of this code have remained unchanged since that time
- Our office recommends that Chapter 17.58 be updated to further protect individual homeowners against unsafe and unwarranted intrusions of light into their residences

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

- First, the amendment limits the exemption for holiday lighting to the use of typical unshielded low-intensity lamps
- Second, the amendment generally prohibits the use of lasers, strobes, flashing source light or similar high-intensity lights
- Exceptions to this latter prohibition will remain in place for reasonable security lighting, as well as lighting used by police, firefighting, and emergency medical personnel during emergency situations.



“I MOVE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-014 AS INTRODUCED BY
TITLE ON FIRST READING.”

“I MOVE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-014 AS INTRODUCED
BY TITLE, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
_____.”

“I MOVE TO CONTINUE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-014 TO THE TOWN
COUNCIL MEETING ON _____.”