



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring exterior lighting to contain fully shielded fixtures.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Article 17 of subchapter 7 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-505.1 to read as follows:

§27-505.1 Requirement that exterior lighting have fully shielded light fixtures. a. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. “Exterior light fixture” shall mean light generated from an indoor or outdoor source that provides illumination to a surface, building, structure, device, or other outdoor feature.

2. “Fully shielded” shall mean a fixture designed, constructed and installed in a fixed position in such a manner that all light emitted is projected below the horizontal plane through the fixture’s lowest light emitting part.

3. “Lighting” shall mean equipment and effects of lighting produced by artificial means.

4. “Lumens” shall mean the unit of measurement used to quantify the amount of light produced by a light bulb or emitted from a fixture.

b. Unless otherwise provided for in this section, all new and replacement exterior light fixtures that are rated to emit 1800 lumens or greater shall be installed and be maintained as fully shielded light fixtures.

c. This section shall not apply to the following:

1. Lighting regulated pursuant to any other provision of law.

2. Underwater lighting;

3. Lighting used to illuminate a structure located on public property;

4. Lighting used to illuminate a flag;

5. Within the theater subdistrict, as such subdistrict is defined in the zoning resolution.

d. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each day that such violation exists.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

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