

ORDINANCE No. 2025-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH NEW STANDARDS FOR OUTDOOR RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING AND CLARIFY EXISTING GLARE REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES (DCA25-00004)

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1998, the City Council of the City of Hesperia adopted Ordinance No. 250, thereby adopting the Hesperia Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hesperia has initiated an application for Development Code Amendment DCA25-00004 described herein (hereinafter referred to as the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the City's Development Code currently contains limited standards for outdoor residential lighting, which has resulted in neighborhood conflicts and challenges in enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Performance Standards and parking lot lighting requirements contain inconsistent glare regulations, necessitating consolidation and clarification; and

WHEREAS, Development Code Amendment DCA25-00004 proposes to establish new residential outdoor lighting standards, including limits on light trespass, shielding, fixture orientation, and restrictions on blinking and flashing lights, with limited exceptions for temporary holiday lighting and security lighting; and

WHEREAS, Development Code Amendment DCA25-00004 will also consolidate lighting requirements and glare regulations for commercial and industrial properties as well as other uses adjacent to residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Development Code Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3), where it can be seen with certainty that there is no significant effect on the environment. The proposed Development Code Amendment does not include any new development. As future development is proposed on parcels that are larger than 5 acres, they will be reviewed independently for CEQA compliance. In addition, the proposed Development Code Amendment would not introduce any new significant environmental impacts that were not previously analyzed in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2025, the Planning Commission of the City of Hesperia conducted a duly noticed public hearing pertaining to the proposed amendment and concluded said hearing on that date; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, the City Council of the City of Hesperia conducted a duly noticed public hearing pertaining to the proposed amendment and concluded said hearing on that date; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HESPERIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby specifically finds that all of the facts set forth in this Ordinance are true and correct.

Section 2. Based upon substantial evidence presented to the City Council, including written and oral staff reports, the City Council specifically finds that the proposed Ordinance is consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted General Plan as it will enhance neighborhood quality of life by providing clear, enforceable standards for residential outdoor lighting and reducing glare, while promoting the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 3. The proposed Development Code Amendment is necessary because the existing regulations do not contain development standards for the intensity, placement, or operational characteristics of outdoor residential lighting. This Development Code Amendment establishes standards for residential outdoor lighting and clarifies existing glare regulations for commercial properties, providing staff with the tools to address complaints and enforce consistent lighting practices.

Section 4. These development standards are necessary to protect public health, safety, and general welfare by minimizing land use conflicts, reducing excessive light glare and providing staff with the tools to address nuisance complaints.

Section 5. Based on the findings and conclusions set forth in this Ordinance, this Council hereby adopts Development Code Amendment DCA25-00004, to modify the City's General Performance Standards by establishing new standards for outdoor residential lighting and updating existing glare regulations for commercial and industrial properties, as well as other uses adjacent to residential properties as shown on Exhibit "A."

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of adoption.

Section 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be posted in three (3) public places within the City of Hesperia pursuant to the provisions of Resolution No. 2007-101.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 20th day of January 2026.

Brigit Bennington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Giber, Assistant City Clerk