

ORDINANCE O-2025-

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.05, SECTION 15.05.140.D, AND
AMENDING CHAPTER 15.06, SECTIONS 15.06.010.B AND 15.06.020 OF THE
LONGMONT MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING EXEMPTING CERTAIN LIGHTS AND
SIGNS FROM OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND SIGN REQUIREMENTS

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO, ORDAINS:

Section 1

In this ordinance, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Council intends to leave that material in effect as it now reads.

Section 2

The Council amends section 15.05.140.D of the Longmont Municipal Code, by adding italicized material, to read as follows:

D. Exemptions. The following are exempt from the regulations in this section unless noted otherwise:

1. Single-family detached developments are exempt from the lighting plan requirement, but when lighting is provided it is subject to the standards of subsections F and G of this section.

2. Public street lighting.

3. Temporary holiday displays.

4. Emergency/warning lights.

5. City-owned outdoor recreational uses (ball fields, play fields, tennis courts, and other similar uses), provided these uses meet the following standards:

1 a. Limits on luminaire angle. The luminaire angle from a lighting source that
2 illuminates an outdoor recreational use may exceed an angle of zero degrees only
3 to the extent necessary for lighting the use, and provided that the luminaire is
4 shielded to minimize spillover to surrounding properties;

5 b. Maximum permitted illumination at the property line of the recreational use
6 shall be two footcandles;

7 c. Exterior lighting for an outdoor recreational use shall be extinguished as
8 soon as possible after the event.

9 *6. The Director of Planning and Development Services, or designee, may*
10 *exempt lighting, including displays, from any or all provisions of Chapter*
11 *15.05.140, provided the lighting serves a governmental (federal, state, county, City,*
12 *transportation district or school district) purpose, is located on property owned or*
13 *controlled by a governmental entity, and is designed such that they minimize impact*
14 *to surrounding businesses and residents to the maximum extent possible. Such*
15 *lighting includes, but is not limited to, traffic control devices, public information*
16 *displays, and exterior building lighting. This exemption will be documented in a*
17 *form acceptable to the Director of Planning and Development Services.*

18 Section 3

19 The Council amends section 15.06.010.B of the Longmont Municipal Code, by adding
20 italicized material, to read as follows:

21 B. Applicability.

22 1. All signs and sign support structures shall conform to the requirements of
23 this chapter and all other applicable provisions of this Code.

2. No sign shall be displayed in the city limits until the city has issued a permit for it unless it is exempt from a permit according to section 15.06.020.

3. No permit shall be issued unless the applicant demonstrates that the proposed sign meets the requirements of this chapter.

4. All sign face changes including repairs and/or sign face replacements, except for changing or replacing text on changeable copy signs, require a permit.

5. Minimum submittal requirements and sign permit applications are available in the administrative manual. Fees for permits and installation shall be established and from time to time revised by resolution of the city council.

6. When a sign permit is requested for a parcel where nonconforming, illegal, or prohibited signs exist, no sign permit shall be issued until all such signs are removed or brought into conformance with this chapter.

7. The Director of Planning and Development Services, or designee, may exempt signs from any or all provisions of Chapter 15.06, provided the signs serve a governmental (federal, state, county, city, or district) purpose, are located on property owned or controlled by a governmental entity, and the signs are designed such that they minimize impact to surrounding businesses and residents to the maximum extent possible. Such signs include, but are not limited to, street signs, traffic control devices, bus stop and information signs, and tourist information signs. This exemption will be documented in a form acceptable to the Director of Planning and Development Services.

1 Section 4

2 The Council amends section 15.06.020 of the Longmont Municipal Code, by adding
3 italicized material and deleting stricken material, to read as follows:

The following non-illuminated signs may be erected in compliance with this chapter without the issuance of a sign permit. Such signs may be allowed in addition to all other signs permitted and shall conform to setbacks, height, and other applicable requirements of this chapter.

~~A. Public signs. Public signs are exempt from the standards and permit requirements specified in this chapter but shall be consistent with the design standards specified in this chapter to the extent practical and shall not include any signs expressly prohibited by this chapter in section 15.06.030. *Reserved.*~~

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3 Section 4

4 To the extent only that they conflict with this ordinance, the Council repeals any conflicting
5 ordinances or parts of ordinances. The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and invalidity of
6 any part shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the rest of this ordinance.

7 Introduced this _____ day of _____, 2025.

8 Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

2 MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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5 CITY CLERK
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8 NOTICE: THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ORDINANCE AT
9 7:00 P.M. ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025, AT THE
10 LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.
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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

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24 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

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28 ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

DATE

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30 CA File: 24-002887