

Topic:	Lighting
Resource Type:	Regulations
State:	Georgia
Jurisdiction Type:	Municipal
Municipality:	County of Cherokee
Year (adopted, written, etc.):	2001
Community Type - applicable to:	Urban; Suburban; Rural
Title:	County of Cherokee Lighting Ordinance
Document Last Updated in Database:	January 19, 2017

Abstract

This ordinance places restrictions on lighting in order to protect the views of the “starry skies” and increase safety on the roads for drivers.

Resource

25.1. Purpose and intent.

The purpose and intent of this ordinance are as follows:

- A. To encourage systematic practices in the use of outdoor electrically powered luminaires, consistent with conserving energy and maximizing the benefits to the citizenry;
- B. To increase nighttime utility, safety, security, and productivity; to foster the nighttime use of property; and to protect the privacy of residents;
- C. To reduce light trespass, obtrusive light, and sky glow, and to reduce roadway glare and extreme variations of illumination, to which elderly drivers are particularly sensitive;
- D. To preserve and enhance the natural nighttime visual environment of the county;
- E. To preserve the views of the starry sky, encouraging the enjoyment of their aesthetics, the education of the public in the sciences, and the astronomical study of celestial bodies; and
- F. To accomplish these purposes by limiting illuminance levels; by directing the luminaire emissions away from roadways, other properties, and the sky; and by reducing illumination levels during later hours of the night.

(Ord. No. 2001-009, § 1, 7-10-01)