

- A. reduce the problems created by improperly designed and installed outdoor lighting;
- B. eliminate problems of glare and sky glow;
- C. diminish light spillage from indoor sources;
- D. minimize light trespass;
- E. decrease light pollution;
- F. promote energy conservation;
- G. conserve our natural resources and protect flora and fauna;
- H. prevent unreasonable interference with astronomical observations; and
- I. create standards for outdoor lighting so that its use does not unreasonably interfere with the use and nighttime enjoyment of property within Chilmark.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING: DEFINITIONS

Section 5.6 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, certain words and phrases used in this section shall mean the following:

"Lamp" means the component of an outdoor fixture that produces light.

"Up-light" means direct light emitted by an outdoor light fixture above a horizontal plane through the fixture's lowest emitting part.

"Shielded" when referring to an outdoor light fixture means that the fixture allows no up-light.

"Outdoor lighting" means the nighttime illumination of an outside area or object by any manmade device that produces light, including lights located indoors which are directed for outdoor illumination.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING: REGULATIONS

Section 5.7 Scope: All outdoor lighting installed in Chilmark shall be in conformance with the requirements established by this bylaw.

Outdoor lighting: In all zoning districts, any private outdoor lighting fixture, whether temporary or permanent, shall be so directed, placed, and shielded so that the light points downward. All outdoor lighting shall be placed or mounted so that no lamp is higher than the eave line of the structure. Multiple lamps on fixtures are allowed; however, lights shall not be combined or grouped in such a way that circumvents the purpose and intent of this bylaw.

Electrical insect control devices (bug zappers) are prohibited.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING: EXCEPTIONS

Section 5.8 Public lighting including lights used for temporary emergency lighting needed by the Police or Fire departments or other emergency services shall be exempt from the requirements of this bylaw.

Vehicular and vessel lights are exempt from the requirements of this bylaw.

Alternative light fixtures may be allowed for temporary recreational events.

Temporary lighting shall be permitted for no longer than a six (6) week period in a calendar year.

Traditional and antique lights or reproductions thereof shall be allowed provided that they do not circumvent the spirit of this bylaw.