



Fenwick Island Lighting Ordinance Chapter 102

The purpose of Chapter 102 is to regulate lighting as follows:

- a) To permit reasonable uses of outdoor lighting for nighttime safety, utility security and enjoyment,
- b) to minimize glare and obtrusive outdoor lighting,
- c) to conserve energy.

This guide is offered as a helpful tool to ensure understanding & compliance, and also promote dark sky principles.

***Key Excerpts from the current Lighting Ordinance 102:**

- Lighting, indoor and outdoor, on all properties shall be arranged so as **not to reflect or cause glare** onto any other property.
- Outdoor lighting under canopies or overhangs is **fully shielded** and is not higher than 30 feet from ground level.
- **All outdoor lighting fixtures shall have shielding** as required by this chapter.
- Spotlights and floodlights shall be arranged so **as not to directly illuminate structures on adjacent or other properties.**
- Illuminations...**shall not produce light intensity at any adjacent property boundary** in excess of 5 foot-candles as measured by a light meter or other similar device.
- Special attention shall be given to exposed light bulbs...Such **exposed light bulbs may cause glare** even if all other provisions of this article are observed.

Chapter 102 Lighting Ordinance can be found in its entirety at
<https://ecode360.com/FE1574?needHash=true>

OR

Call Fenwick Island Town Hall with Questions (302-539-3011)

* Ordinance excerpts effective as of June 2026, subject to possible modification pending adoption of any updated lighting ordinance.

Additional information about the importance of dark skies, dark sky principles, and limiting light pollution can be found at:

<https://www.darksky.org>

Outdoor Lighting Fixtures (luminaires) that Comply with the Fenwick Island Lighting Ordinance



The DarkSky International Approved Luminaires program provides objective, third-party approval for manufactured luminaires that meet our strict guidelines for responsible outdoor lighting.

These guidelines ensure outdoor lighting that minimizes light pollution while maintaining and improving functionality and safety.

Luminaires that meet rigorous criteria earn the DarkSky Approved seal—a trusted mark among the lighting community and consumers as the industry standard for dark sky-friendly lighting. DarkSky Approved luminaires are readily available from commercial lighting manufacturers and distributors and major national hardware retailers, as well as local hardware stores.

When shopping for light fixtures look for the DarkSky Approved seal on luminaire packaging.

To further assist, DarkSky International has developed a database of various categories of luminaires. You can find the database using the QR code below.

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WITH THE CURRENT FENWICK
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