

Lighting Ordinance

Effective February 20, 2026

Restoring the natural night sky
by reducing light pollution.

New Lighting & Lighting Upgrades



Use fully shielded fixtures



Use warm lighting



Exceptions for essential safety lighting



Lights must be turned off or motion-sensor at night

Existing Lighting



Upgrade within 12 months



Redirect uplighting or spillover



Adjust timers / motion sensors



Replace burnt-out bulbs with warmer options

For more details, visit www.PaloAlto.gov/OutdoorLighting



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