

Div. 5.3. Scenic Standards

The purpose of this Division is to maintain the scenic resources of the community. Scenic resources, natural landforms, and dark skies are vital to the community’s natural character. Mountains moraines, meadows, and other natural viewsheds provide residents and guests with a constant reminder of their location within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Interruption of these natural forms by the built environment detracts from Teton County’s scenic character and should be avoided.

5.3.1. Exterior Lighting Standards (1/1/15)

The purpose of this Section is to allow necessary and reasonable lighting of public and private property for the safety, security, and convenience of occupants and the general public, while eliminating or reducing the nuisance and hazards of excessive light and glare.

A. Standards

Exterior lighting shall meet the below standards.

1. **Total Cut-off Luminaires and Fixtures.** Luminaires and other light fixtures shall have a total cut-off of light at an angle less than 90 degrees and shall be located so that the bare light bulb, lamp, or light source is completely shielded from direct view from a vantage point 5 feet above the ground at the perimeter of the lighted area. The light, furthermore, shall be contained entirely on-site. The maximum permitted illumination and mounting height of the luminaire or fixture shall be as set forth in the table below.

Maximum Luminaire Illumination and Height (Cut-Off Less Than 90°)		
Use and Zone	Max. Illumination (in footcandles)	Max. Height
Residential uses in the S-TC, AR-TC, AC-TC, UC and UR zones	1.0	15 ft
Residential use in all other zones and in NRO	0.5	15 ft
Nonresidential uses in R-TC, S-TC, OP-TC, and RB zones, and NRO	1.0	18 ft
Nonresidential uses BP-TC	2.0	18 ft
Nonresidential uses in all other zones	1.5	18 ft

2. **Flag Poles.** Flagpole lighting is permitted for United States and State of Wyoming flags only, provided the flagpole is ground mounted and does not exceed the maximum height for a structure in the zone in which the flagpole is located, and the following standards are met: lighted flagpole(s) shall only be permitted at essential government facilities, to be defined as post offices, fire and police stations and local, state and federal government administrative offices.

B. Exempt Uses

Because ball diamonds, playing fields, outdoor rinks, ski areas, and tennis courts have unique requirements for nighttime visibility and generally may have limited hours of operation, they shall be exempted from the Total Cut-Off Luminaries and Fixtures standards of this Section, if the below standards are met.

1. **Complies with Requirements.** The proposed use meets all other requirements of these LDRs.
2. **Do Not Exceed Maximum Height.** Exterior light sources do not exceed a maximum post height of 40 feet.
3. **Luminaire Shielded.** If the luminaire is shielded in either its orientation or by landscaping to prevent light and glare spill-over to adjacent residential property, then the luminaire may exceed a total cut-off angle of 90 degrees. The maximum permitted illumination at the nearest interior setback line for a principal residential structure shall not exceed 1.5 footcandles.

C. Prohibited Lights

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the following lighting is prohibited for all uses in all zones.

1. **Flickering or Flashing Lights.** No flickering or flashing lights shall be permitted.
2. **Searchlights.** No searchlights, laser lights, or holograms are permitted.
3. **Strings of Lights.** Strings or strands of lights used to highlight a sign, perimeter of a sign, or any portion of a building are not permitted, except for Christmas-type decorative lighting displayed between November 15 and January 10.

5.3.2. Scenic Resources Overlay (SRO) Standards (1/1/15)

A. Purpose

The purpose of the Scenic Resources Overlay (SRO) is to preserve and maintain the County's most frequently viewed scenic resources that are important to both its character and economy. This is done through the establishment of several Scenic Areas within the SRO, within which the location, design, and landscaping of physical development and use is regulated to maintain and/or complement the County's important scenic resources.

B. Establishment of the SRO

To protect important scenic resources, which are frequently seen from State highways, Spring Gulch Road, South Park Loop Road and Alta County Road, and which set an image of the rural and western ranching heritage of the County the Scenic Resources Overlay (SRO) is established.

1. **Foregrounds.** The Scenic Resources Overlay (SRO) includes the foreground of the scenic areas described below. Foreground is the open area immediately adjacent to the public road that extends back to where there is either a distinct