

ORDINANCE NO.: 12-2017

INTRODUCED BY: ALEXANDER

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1175.09, "ILLUMINATION OF PARKING FACILITIES," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS.

WHEREAS, there is a risk to public safety and property at or near vacant buildings, particularly after dark; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond Heights that vacant buildings be required to maintain illumination during hours of darkness.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Existing Section 1175.09, "Illumination of Parking Facilities", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights, is hereby amended as follows:

**"1175.09 ILLUMINATION OF PARKING FACILITIES.**

Parking areas shall be illuminated to protect the public safety; the lighting fixtures shall be designed and located so as not to reflect direct rays of light in adjoining residential districts and street; intensity shall not be of excessive brightness or cause a safety hazard to users of such parking spaces or occupants of adjoining premises. Expended or inoperative lighting bulbs or implements shall be replaced or repaired within ten days after proper notice has been given to the owner of the parking facility that such bulbs or implements have ceased to be operative.

Outdoor areas of vacant buildings or structures with the exception of vacant 1, 2 or 3-family dwellings must be illuminated, including parking areas, as required by this section, and all common drives, walkways, and sidewalks that such buildings and structures have with adjacent buildings or structures must be illuminated. A lighting plan for the exterior of vacant buildings or structures and the common drives, walkways, and sidewalks that such buildings and structures have with adjacent buildings or structures must be submitted to the Building Commissioner for approval at least ten (10) days prior to the building becoming vacant. The interior of the ground floor of any vacant buildings or structures must maintain egress lighting as required by the Ohio Building Code as if the building or structure was occupied."

Section 2: Existing Section 1175.09, "Illumination of Parking Facilities", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights, and any and all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of the Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: Feb 28, 2017



David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED: Feb 28, 2017

ATTEST: Betsy Traben  
Betsy Traben  
Clerk of Council



Eloise Cotton-Henry  
President of Council