

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91: NUISANCES; HEALTH AND SAFETY
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING OFFENSIVE LIGHTING**

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to promote a safe and peaceful community where residents, property owners, and visitor may enjoy quality time; and

WHEREAS, the projection of light directly into public roadways presents a safety hazard for motorists, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the presence of unwanted light purposely directed onto adjacent properties constitutes a nuisance, and impairs the ability of others to peacefully enjoy their property; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to establish a simple and reasonable ordinance to prevent and rectify such situations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners that

1. Chapter 91: Nuisances: Health and Safety is hereby amended to add the following new Section: Light, as follows:
2. Section 91.80 Offensive Lighting Prohibited
It shall be unlawful for any person on private, residential or commercial, property to install, aim, locate, direct, or maintain any permanent or portable outdoor lighting in such a manner as to present a hazard to drivers or pedestrians by impairing their ability to safely traverse, or so as to create a nuisance by projecting or reflecting objectionable light onto a neighboring property such that it interferes with the privacy of persons residing therein, bothers or affects the ability of persons residing therein to sleep, or interferes with or affects the ability of the persons residing therein to carry on normal household duties or actions.
3. The Town Clerk is authorized to amend the sections as set forth above.
4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2018.

Mayor Everette S. Newton

Michele Davis, Town Clerk