



Frisco Outdoor Lighting Multifamily Requirements

These requirements apply if you are part of a townhome or condo complex. Reach out to staff if you are unsure.

Primary Requirements

- All properties must be in compliance by March 1, 2036, or sooner when exterior work is done on a structure
- All fixtures must be fully shielded
- Maximum correlated color temperature (CCT) of 3000 Kelvins
- Maximum site lumens: 20,000 lumens per acre
- Specific standards for canopy/recessed lights and pole lights – reach out to staff if you have these
- Seasonal lights are allowed from October 15-March 1 and must be turned off from 10pm-7am, starting in March 2027

The Town of Frisco is a certified International Dark Sky Community. These lighting requirements align with guidelines from DarkSky International and are designed to support Frisco’s mountain character, protect views of the night sky, reduce light pollution, and benefit wildlife, residents, and visitors.

Motion sensor lights do not contribute to the maximum lumen limits – this can be useful for walkways, areas that do not always need to be lit, and if you are having trouble with the lumen maximum.

- Motion sensor lights must be:
- Fully shielded and downcast
 - Activated by motion limited to within property lines
 - Light turns off no more than 5 minutes after motion is detected
 - Cannot be oversensitive to surroundings or easily triggered (i.e., by wind in foliage)

“Festoon” or “bistro” lights are allowed over patios, decks, pedestrian plazas, outdoor dining, and other pedestrian walkways. Festoon lights count toward the lumen maximum.

- Festoon lights must:
- Be “yellow-ish” white, with a maximum CCT of 3000 Kelvins
 - Not be used to wrap around trees or define architectural features of a building
 - Be turned off from 10pm-7am starting in March 2027
 - Be hung 12 feet or less vertically above the area they are illuminating



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