

CITY OF BELLEMEADE, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE 2025-04

An ordinance establishing requirements
for construction, demolition, design, safety, parking
and lighting activities in the City of Bellemeade

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Bellemeade, Kentucky is concerned about the public health and safety of its citizens as well as the property values in the City, and

WHEREAS, the City, as allowed in KRS 82.082, may exercise any power and perform any function within its boundaries that is in furtherance of a public purpose of the City and is not in conflict with a constitutional or statutory provision, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a mechanism whereby there is an opportunity to review all proposed construction, demolition, parking and lighting activities in the City.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Bellemeade:

**The Bellemeade Code of Ordinances will contain a new Section 110 Entitled
“Construction & Demolition” and it will read as follows:**

§ 110.01: Building and Demolition Permits, Procedure

- A. Subsequent to the issuance of any building or demolition permit from Metro Louisville, no construction or demolition shall occur unless the City of Bellemeade also approves any construction or demolition plans. Approval by the City shall be by the full City Commission if the Commission determines the plans are in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance. The property owner must provide all needed information to the City so the City may evaluate the application. The City shall approve or deny the application within 30 days of receipt. In reviewing any plans and specifications, the City shall consider the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Bellemeade and of its individual residents and property owners.
- B. Activities which would not require an application to Metro Louisville for a permit are also subject to review by the City. Such activities include, but are not limited to, patios, fences, poles, satellite receivers, stoops, exterior lighting, signage, storage sheds, portable storage units, above-ground pools, exterior remodeling, driveways or parking areas. The procedure for approval or denial is the same as above in Section 1.A.

§ 110.02: Design Standards

- A. All construction shall have building architecture in keeping with the general character of the existing architecture in the City, in terms of style, type of materials, design, and appearance. Rooflines, pitches and material must be in

keeping to the character of the neighborhood, in terms of style, type of material, design and height. The orientation of any primary structure on its lot to the street must be uniform with its surrounding structures.

- B. Appropriate landscaping is required on all lots. Fifty percent (50%) of all tree canopy shall be preserved unless the City allows a waiver of this requirement.

§ 110.03. Lighting Standards

A. Definitions

1. Correlated color temperature (CCT) is the color appearance of a white LED, measured in degrees Kelvin. A warm light is around 2700K, moving to neutral white at around 4000K, and to cool white at 5000K or more.
2. Fully Shielded Luminaire is a luminaire constructed and installed in such a manner that all light emitted by the luminaire, either directly from the lamp or a diffusing element, or indirectly by reflection or refraction from any part of the luminaire, is projected below the horizontal plane through the luminaire's lowest light-emitting part.
3. Glare is the lighting entering the eye directly from luminaires or indirectly from reflective surfaces that causes visual discomfort or reduced visibility.
4. Lamp is a generic term for a source of light, often called a "bulb" or tube".
5. Landscape lighting is the lighting of trees, shrubs, other plant material or architectural features.
6. LED is Light Emitting Diode.
7. Light Trespass is light that falls beyond the property it is intended to illuminate.
8. Lumen is the unit of measure used to quantify the amount of light produced by a lamp or emitted from a luminaire.
9. Luminaire is the complete lighting unit (fixture) consisting of a lamp, or lamps, together with the parts designed to distribute the light, to position and protect the lamp, and to connect the lamp to a power supply.
10. Unshielded Luminaire is a luminaire where emitted light is projected above the horizontal plane of the luminaire, either partially or wholly.

B. Requirement and exceptions

All exterior lighting luminaires, whether freestanding or attached, on any property in the City shall be fully shielded and shall be pointed to the ground, The following are exceptions to this requirement:

1. One or two unshielded luminaires at the front entrance of a building provided no one luminaire exceeds 1260 lumens (equivalent to a 100 watt incandescent bulb),
2. One or two unshielded luminaires at a side entrance to a building provided no one luminaire exceeds 500 lumens (equivalent to a 40 watt incandescent bulb) and the total lumens does not exceed 750 lumens,
3. One or two unshielded luminaires at a rear entrance to a building provided no one luminaire exceeds 850 lumens (equivalent to a 60 watt incandescent bulb) and the total lumens omitted does not exceed 1000 lumens,

4. One or two unshielded luminaires attached to the front of a garage provided no one luminaire exceeds 500 lumens and the total lumens does not exceed 750 lumens,
 5. Directional flood lighting that is aimed so that the lamp or the direct glare from the lamp is not visible from adjacent properties or from the street and which does not exceed 1260 lumens per luminaire,
 6. Low voltage landscape lighting aimed away from adjacent properties or the street which does not exceed 100 lumens per luminaire,
 7. Lighting with a working vacancy sensor, where the sensor extinguishes the light no more than 15 minutes after the area is vacated,
 8. Open flame gas lamps, and
 9. A front yard post-top luminaire which does not exceed 1260 lumens.
- C. Color temperature
No LED or metal halide lighting shall have a correlated color temperature (CCT) exceeding 3000 degrees Kelvin.
- D. Pre-existing luminaires
No pre-existing luminaires or lamps shall be subject to the requirement of this ordinance except any luminaires or lamps that cause glare or light trespass on adjacent properties or glare onto the public right-of-way. When new luminaires or lamps are installed on a property, they shall be subject to the requirements of this ordinance.

§ 110.04. Parking Standards

- A. No parking area, other than a driveway no wider than eighteen (18) feet in width extending from a street to the principal building on the property, shall be allowed in the front yard or the side yard of the lot. "Front yard" is defined as that portion of an individual lot that lies between the public right-of-way and an imaginary line parallel to said right-of-way and established by the front façade of the principal structure on the lot. "Side yard" is defined as that portion of an individual lot that lies between the public right-of-way and an imaginary line parallel to said right-of-way and established by the side façade of the principal structure on the lot.
- B. All driveways or parking areas shall be clearly defined and shall be covered with a concrete, cement, asphalt, brick, stone or rock surface as approved by the City.
- C. All approach aprons from the street onto a property shall be hard-surfaced and shall not interfere with drainage flow along the right-of-way.
- D. Any driveway or parking area that existed before the passage of this ordinance shall be allowed to remain.

§ 110.05: Prohibitions

- A. No property owner or resident shall allow any public drainage swales or ditches to be obstructed by weeds, trash, dirt or other means.

- B. No owner or resident shall permit a public nuisance, health or safety hazard or source of filth to develop on a property through the accumulation of rubbish or the excessive growth of vegetation.
- C. No animal shall be allowed to run at-large within the City.
- D. No person shall shoot, discharge, point or aim any firearm or air gun within the City unless necessary for the protection of life or property.
- E. No livestock, including, but not limited to, horses, cattle, swine, sheep or goats, shall be kept on any property.
- F. No poultry, including, but not limited to, chickens, ducks, geese or turkeys, shall be kept on any property.

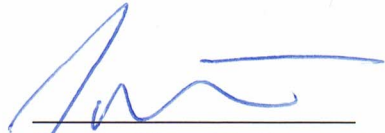
§ 110.06: Penalties

- A. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined up to \$250 for each offense.
- B. Any continuing violation of this ordinance shall be considered a separate and distinct offense for each day on which a violation occurs or continues.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage by the City Commission and publication as required by law.

First Reading August 11, 2025

Passed and approved by the City Commission of Bellemeade, Kentucky on the 8th day of SEPTEMBER 2025.



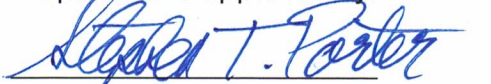
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