

**ORDINANCE NO. 1318**  
**AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CONCERNING**  
**LIGHTING AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXTERIOR LIGHTING STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stamford has adopted comprehensive regulations in Chapter 155 of its Code of Ordinances to govern exterior lighting in order to protect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of residents; and

**WHEREAS**, effective enforcement is necessary to ensure compliance with the lighting standards established in Chapter 155, including maximum light levels, fixture shielding, and color temperature limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing language in Section 155-9 concerning enforcement, certification, and fines requires clarification and minor revisions to improve administrative efficiency and to ensure consistency with the City's broader citation and hearing procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments to Section 155-9 authorize civil citation officers appointed by the Mayor to enforce the Chapter, clarify the use of certification in connection with Certificates of Occupancy, and maintain appropriate penalties for violations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:**

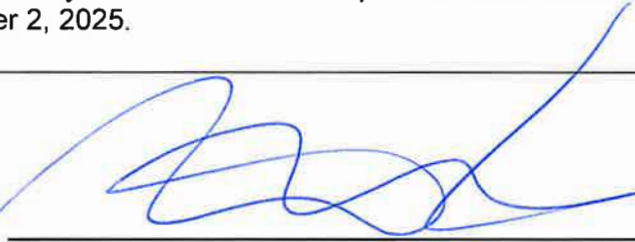
**Sec. 155-9. - Enforcement.**<sup>[2]</sup>

- a. This Chapter shall be enforced through the civil citation process by the Zoning Enforcement Officer or their designees and/or a civil citation officer. The Mayor may appoint one (1) or more city employees to issue citations pursuant to the provisions of this article.
- b. The citation hearing procedure ([Chapter 97](#), Citation Hearings, of the Code), adopted by Ordinance 746 Supplemental, pursuant to Section 7-152c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, shall apply to citations issued for a violation of this article, except that no Officer or employee of the City of Stamford exercising zoning or building department authority may be appointed to be a hearing officer on such matters.
- c. The Chief Building Official, or designee, shall not issue a Certificate of Occupancy unless the applicant provides certification that the Exterior Lighting as installed complies with the approved Lighting Plan and the requirements of this Chapter unless waived or amended by the Director of Operations, or such Director's designee, in writing. The certification shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the Chief Building Official and reviewed by the Department of Buildings. The certification shall be completed by the architect, electrical engineer, electrical contractor, or lighting consultant responsible for the plans or the final installation.
- d. Fines. The fine for a violation of this article shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each such occurrence of a violation and an additional one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each such day that such violation continues.

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Nina Sherwood, President, and Megan Cottrell, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives at the regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

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Nina Sherwood, President

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025

  
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Megan Cottrell, Clerk

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025



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Caroline Simmons, Mayor, City of Stamford  
Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 5, 2025

cc: Mayor Caroline Simmons  
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