

Rooftop Deck Lighting Guideline Examples

City	State	Guideline Title	Page(s)	Building/Parking	Description
Baldwin Park	CA	Baldwin Park, Downtown Specific Plan	Page 6-2, Section 6.1.5	Building	"6.1.5 Podium Deck Lighting To provide a garden-like amenity and to respect the residences that are directly adjacent to and overlook the gardens, podium deck lighting should be appropriately controlled. The following guidelines apply to podium deck lighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All lighting should have low cut-off angles and directional controls. • Light trespass and light wash should be limited as feasible."
Los Angeles	CA	Downtown Design Guide, City of Los Angeles	Page 43, Section 8H	Building	"In Downtown, many projects are viewed directly from adjacent properties where tenants and residents have clear sight lines to roofs and back-of-house functions. It is important that...penthouses and lighting are designed to limit adverse impacts."
San Diego	CA	San Diego Downtown Lighting Plan	3-24	Building	"Photo 3.56: The lighting of roof decks should point downwards, emphasizing the space and elements. The Andaz Hotel Roof Deck, San Diego."
Lockport	IL	Application for Sidewalk Cafe, Outdoor Restaurant, or Roof Top	Section 156.123	Building	"(6) Any lighting fixtures shall be designed to effectively eliminate glare, and sharply cut off lighting levels at the property line. All lights associated with the rooftop patio must be turned off when the rooftop area is not in use."
Clemson	SC	City of Clemson Zoning Ordinance Draft	218	Building	"C. Rooftop deck or rooftop patio lighting shall comply with the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All lighting shall be shielded or prevent light from spilling over the side of the building or any glare projecting upward; and 2. All light sources shall be installed so as not be visible from the right-of-way, US Army Corps of Engineers property, or adjacent properties."
Layton City	UT	Municipal Code	Section 8	Building	" (8) Integrate rooftop components and screening elements with the building's architecture, integrate exterior lighting, signs, sign lighting, and any elated structural equipment at or near the roof with the building's architecture by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Developing rooftop terraces or gardens. (b) Integrating rooftop screening with the building's overall design. (c) Using signs and sign lighting that is integrated with the building architecture. (d) Using lighting to reveal the buildings architectural systems. (e) Using lighting to highlight special features of the building."

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Phoenix	AZ	Guideline for Design Review	Section 6.1	Parking	"6.2.5 Rooftop lighting shall be setback a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from the perimeter of the rooftop parking structure and shall be a maximum of twelve (12) feet in height. (R) +14 Rationale: The direct source of light should not be visible from lower levels or adjacent uses. +14"
Alameda	CA	Citywide Design Review Manual	11	Parking	"2. Roof deck lighting should be pedestrian scale. Utilitarian or 'cobra-head' lights shall be avoided."
Corona	CA	Downtown Revitalization Specific Plan: City of Corona	IV-48	Parking	"i. Rooftop lighting fixtures should be located towards the center of the structure, away from its edges and must not face outward toward residential areas."
Glendale	CA	Ordinance No. 5807	13	Parking	"In addition, parking structure rooftop lighting shall be designed and installed to preclude light trespass (lighting intensity exceeding one-half (.5) foot candle measured at the property line utilizing a light meter held four feet about ground level directed at the light source) onto adjacent property."
Mountain View	CA	San Antonio Center Precise Plan	21	Parking	"Lighting standards may be a maximum of 30' to 40' in height. Rooftop lighting shall not be visible from the public street. "
Santa Barbara	CA	City of Santa Barbara Urban Design Guidelines: City Grid	83	Parking	"Design the top level of parking structures to blend with adjacent rooftops and minimize light and glare. The following elements should be incorporated: -Use landscaping to soften views of the structure from higher elevations and provide shade; -Use architectural elements that provide visual interest (e.g. trellises and towers); -Choose hardscape colors that blend with adjacent rooftops; and -Provide lighting at the lowest illumination level possible, consistent with IES standards. All lighting must also conform to the Outdoor Lighting Design Guidelines. Indirect lighting should be used to minimize light spillage."
Macon	GA	Historic Planned Development District	9	Parking	"Rooftop lighting shall reduce light spillage onto adjacent properties by providing cutoff luminaries that have a maximum 90 degree illumination"
Monona	WI	Monona Drive Urban Design Guidelines	5	Parking	"Use full-roofs, parapets, or other roof form variations that eliminate top deck lighting concerns and create a more finished appearance"