

Barrier Island Lighting Workshop Pensacola Beach & Perdido Key

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Agenda

- Introduction & Ordinance Overview
- Wildlife-Friendly Lighting
- Lighting Retrofit 101
- Show & Tell
- Questions & Discussion





Why Do We Need a Lighting Ordinance?

Protect nocturnal wildlife and their habitats

- Coastal populations are increasing
- Extremely bright and invasive lighting technology is widely available



Small Steps Forward

State of Florida requires "turtle-friendly" lighting for projects south of Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL)

2013: Escambia County passed Barrier Island Lighting Ordinance which requires turtle-friendly lighting on Pensacola beach. Effective immediately for new construction.

2018: Existing properties required to comply with Lighting Ordinance.

2023: Escambia County amends Barrier Island Lighting Ordinance. Updates language with State Model ordinance and extends wildlife friendly lighting requirements to include Perdido Key

Ordinance Summary: Pensacola Beach

- Requires use of "wildlife-friendly lighting" for any exterior lighting visible from the marine beach (Gulf of Mexico)
- Prohibits lighting on dune walkovers seaward of the crest of the primary dune
- Requires all windows, doors, and other glass or semitransparent surface to use "Turtle Glass"; or glass with a transmittance of 45% or less
- Requires all existing non-confirming lighting to comply with ordinance requirements by January 1st 2028



Ordinance Summary: Perdido Key

Applies to properties south of Semmes Rd if Semmes Rd extended East-West across the Key



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Ordinance Update: Pensacola Beach

 No significant changes from original ordinance language

Broader definition of visible: "For the purposes of these lighting regulations," "within line-of-sight from the beach" means any source of illumination directly or indirectly visible from a marine beach."





Wildlife-Friendly Lighting Basics

- Keep it Long
- Keep it Low
- Keep it Shielded



"Wildlife-Friendly" & "Turtle-Friendly" can be used interchangeably



Dark Sky is also used, but applies to a broader range of fixtures, not all of which meet the ordinance requirements

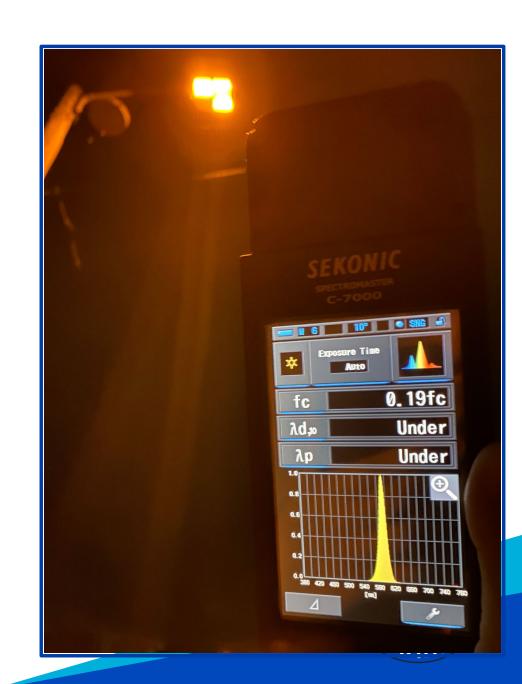


Keep it Long

- Long Wavelength: Amber or Red
- Very narrow band of visible color
- Yellow "Bug Bulbs" are NOT considered long wavelength

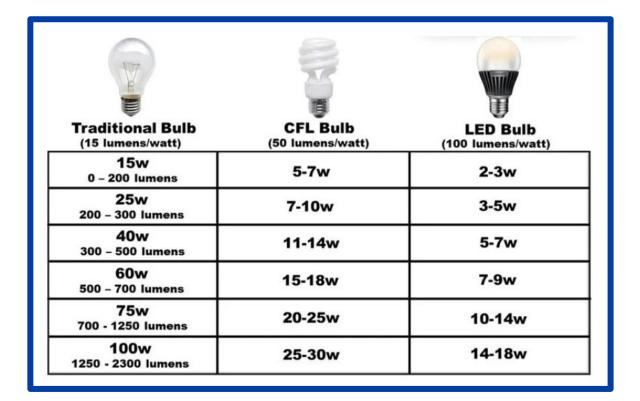


WHY? Longer wavelengths are less disruptive to wildlife; especially sea turtles



Keep it Low

- Low Wattage
 - 10W LED = 75W+ Incandescent
- Low Mounting Height
 - Bollards vs Poles
 - Step Lights vs Wall Mounts







Keep it Shielded

- Full-Cutoff or Fully-Shielded
- No light broadcasted above a horizontal plane
- Light bulb may be recessed within fixtures or shielded by external feature







Safety Concerns

- Bright Light ≠ Safe Light
 - Excessive glare can cause blind spots
 - Moving from dark to bright can cause temporary blindness
- Lower intensity allows eyes to adjust
- Longer wavelengths preserves night vision





Picking the Right Fixtures: FWC Certified

- Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) certifies fixtures/bulbs that meet wildlifefriendly criteria.
- Look for the Seal
- Check Features:
 - Long Wavelength?
 - Fully Shielded?
 - Low Wattage?



Scan to view the full list of certified fixtures





Picking the Right Fixtures: FWC Certified

- Not All Fixtures Created Equal
- Avoid mislabeling or misleading descriptions
 - Labelled "Turtle-Friendly" or "Dark Sky" but don't meet criteria
 - Soft White "Amber"
 - Painted Bulbs marketed as long wavelength or "true-color"

When in Doubt: Ask Staff!





FWC Certified Fixtures

- Still in production (find on website)?
- Has Spec Sheet with Seal
- Is the wavelength listed?
- Is it the right wattage?







Wildlife Lighting Certification Number 2018-029

The E1 is an unobtrusive, low-voltage, step/downlight. Its minimalist design brings attention to the lamp's effect, not to the fixture itself.

Construction All brass components. 1/8" [3mm] thick brass housing

Tempered soda lime glass Lens

12 Volts AC/DC with integral driver (9-15V input, dimmable below 9V). Voltage

Remote transformer required.

Two (2) hidden stainless steel sheet metal screws secure back plate to Mounting

the mounting surface. Fixture housing is secured to the back plate by

stainless steel set screws.

Custom size canopies available using 0.125" thick brass plate. Consult factory regarding custom canopy size, shape, and thru hole positioning

needed to mate with recessed j-box (by others).

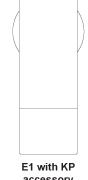
Lamps Triac dimmable: MLV >6% typ., ELV >16% typ.

			Beam/Field	Candela	Lumens	Efficac
	Cree XPE2 LED 2 Watt AMBER (1500K)	2W-A-SP 2W-A-NFL 2W-A-FL 2W-A-NO	10° / 20° 14° / 31° 28° / 60° 46° / 14°	1366 587 108 15	65 64 40 14	29 29 16 6
\	Cree XPE2 LED 2 Watt RED-ORANGE (1000K)	2W-RO-SP 2W-RO-NFL 2W-RO-FL 2W-RO-NO	10° / 8° 13° 28° 32' / 56° 49° / 114°	2841 1483 229 32	123 119 81 32	54 52 35 14

Optical Accessories Fixture can accommodate up to two 1/8" thick optical accessories or one accessory when used in conjunction with the 'NO' lamp optic option.

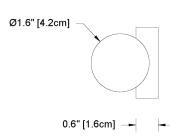
FR8	Frosted lens, 1/8" [3mm] thick				
HL8	Honeycomb louver, 1/8" [3mm] thick				
KP	Extended snoot				
PR8	Prismatic spread lens, 1/8" [3mm] thick				
RT8	Rectilinear spread lens, 1/8" [3mm] thick				
SL8	Solite (Soft Focus) lens, 1/8" [3mm] thick				

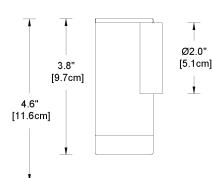
Finish: Unfinished is standard; no specification required. The fixture will weather to a natural patina. The patina process is natural with brass and copper. Rate of patina and eventual color is dependent upon climate and proximity to the ocean. Thus, Beachside does not guarantee any specific appearance.















Weight: 1.3 lbs [0.6 kg]

CSA Listed, file #190030 10 year fixture warranty 5 year Cree LED module warranty

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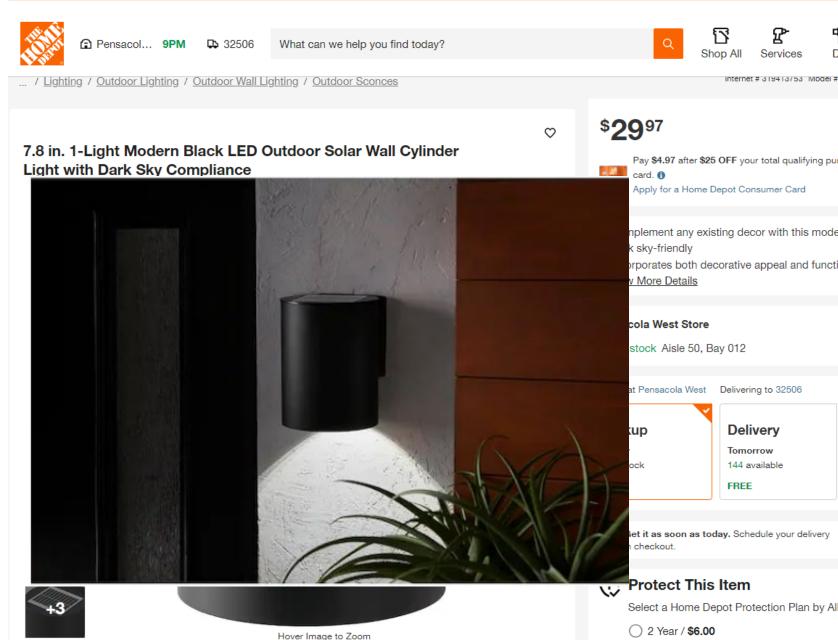
What to Expect (i)

Non-Certified Fixtures

- Is the bulb completely hidden from view?
- Is it closed on the top?
- Is it long wavelength with wavelength listed?
- Is it the right wattage?

When in Doubt: Ask Staff!





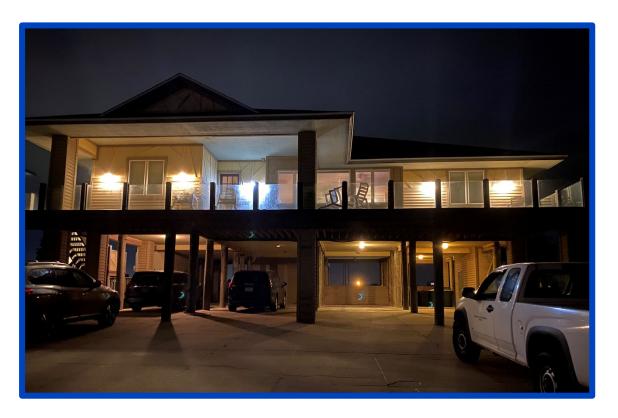
Lighting Retrofit 101





Identify the Problems

- Conduct a property survey both before and after dark
- Turn on all exterior and interior lights
- Document property visibility from the beach from multiple angles
- Take pictures, detailed location and condition notes
- Consider follow up day-time survey for larger properties



Record No	Location	Fixture Type	Qty	Notes
1	Ground Floor Garage	Ceiling Cannisters	5+	White light, poor condition, some missing covers
2	Second Floor Deck	Wall Mounts	5	Good fixtures, bad bulbs
3	West Stairs	Double Flood	1	Shield & change bulbs



Make a Plan

- Quantify number of fixtures and bulbs to be changed
- Progress over Perfection
- Prioritize!
 - Phased Approach → Better on the Budget
 - Consider disabling unused or redundant fixtures

Commercial or Multi-Family: HIGHLY recommend working with a lighting specialist or General Contractor to ensure safe light levels post-retrofit



Retrofit Tips

 Before you Buy: Confirm the items meet all WF standards

 Consider adding temporary shields if unable to change fixtures for extended time

Wrap into façade work, unit repairs or other renovation projects





Common Retrofit Scenarios: Condo/ Multi Family Unit

Uniform fixture/bulb choice →
Bulk savings

 Look for integrated fixtures to prevent owners switching bulbs

 Can also be used for exterior walkways/access points







Common Retrofit Scenarios: Stairs & Steps

- Look for brighter bulbs if replacing post/pole mounted fixtures
- Consider step lights or tape/strip lights to light treads
- Can also be used for exterior walkways/access points



Common Retrofit Scenarios: Pools & Pool Decks

- Lower deck fixtures to focus light on deck/water
- Consider timers for when pool closes

 Ensure accessory lighting is WF (cabanas, tiki bars, etc)

Remove accent lighting (landscaping, trees, uplights etc)





Common Retrofit Scenarios: Paths & Common Areas

Consider use of area: are people using it after dark?

 Lower fixture heights with tabletops lights, bollards, steps lights etc

 Consider adding screens or landscaping to help block light





Common Retrofit Scenarios: Tennis Courts

- Use timers/motion sensors to ensure lights are only on when court is being used
- Shielding fixtures to focus light on courts
- Cluster lights in center of courts, use minimal light needed to achieve safe conditions
- Use privacy screens and shrub barriers to help reduce light trespass



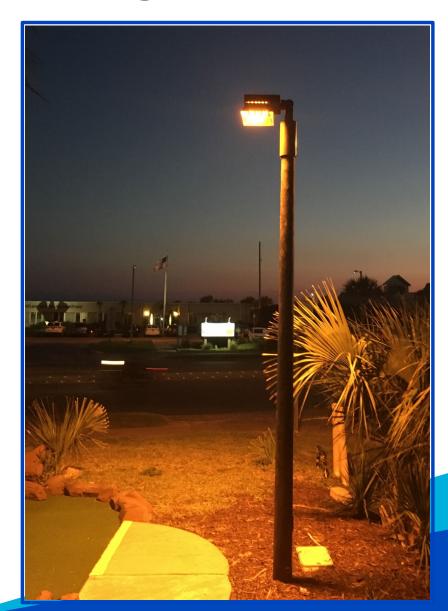


Common Retrofit Scenarios: Drives & Parking Lots

Use lower-height poles and bollards

 Use shields to prevent light trespass outside parking lot/drive areas

 Reserve light for where you need it most: entrances, exits and pedestrian crossings



Common Retrofit Scenarios: Safety & Security Lighting

- What purpose is the light serving?
 - Highlight exit/entry ways for safety
 - General lighting for visibility
- Use shields/louvers to focus light where its needed
- Consider low output fixtures to ensure even, steady glow





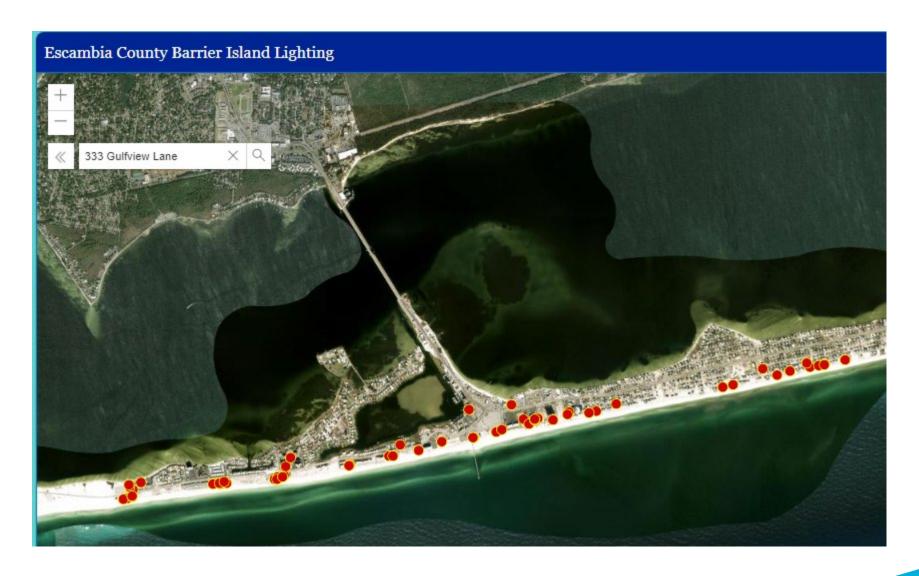


Common Retrofit Scenarios: Interior Lights

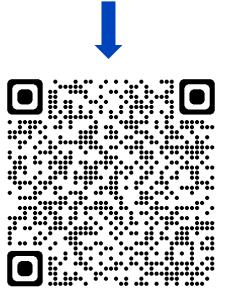
- Shield interiors with curtains, shades or additional tinting
- Consider dimming lobby/common area lighting after 10PM
- Remind owners/renters to cover windows after dark with signs or window clings



Barrier Island Lighting Survey Map (Beta)



Scan to view map





Questions & Discussion



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