

	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE BUILDING & SITE DEVELOPMENT	Number: 270.3
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Subject: Regulation of portable, construction, and temporary lighting		Page 1 of 2

1.0 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this document is to clarify permitting requirements for portable, construction, and temporary lighting regulated under the City of Tucson/Pima County Outdoor Lighting Code (OLC).

2.0 REVISION HISTORY:

New standard operating procedure.

3.0 PERSONS AFFECTED:

Building & Site Development staff and public at large.

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY:

4.1 Portable lighting

Portable lighting is regulated under the OLC and requires a permit when exceeding the scope of Section 4.3 of this standard operating procedure. Hand held flashlights and similar equipment are exempt from permitting requirements. *Portable lighting*, such as lighting plants, may be issued an annual permit for use in multiple lighting areas. *Portable lighting* permits must reflect the lighting source(s) along with constraints regarding use, color temperature, lumen output, and shielding geometry. Note that unshielded portable lighting is prohibited in area E1a unless the overall design qualifies for an alternative method under Section 102.7 of the OLC.

4.2 Construction lighting

Construction lighting not exceeding the total unshielded lighting, total lumens, and color temperature limitations of the permitted outdoor lighting plan for the post-construction site, may operate under the approved post-construction lighting permit for the site, without requiring a separate construction lighting permit.

4.3 Temporary exemption



Temporary lighting not to be used for longer than 20 days per calendar year on the same site is exempt from permitting requirements when conforming to the following constraints:

- The lighting conforms to the color temperature requirement of the OLC
- The lighting is fully shielded
- The lighting is partially shielded in areas other than E1a. Partially shielded lighting must have fixtures placed at no more than 20 degrees from the full-cut-off position.

Temporary lighting exceeding these constraints and not complying with Section 4.2 above requires a permit per Section 103.2 of the OLC.

5.0 DEFINITIONS:

Construction Lighting: Construction lighting is lighting used during the construction of a site or structure.

Mobile lighting: Mobile lighting is lighting that is germane to the function of a vehicle which has the capability to operate under its own power. In instances where lighting is added to vehicles, the building official must determine whether the lighting is mobile or portable based on the function and placement of the lighting. *Mobile lighting* is not regulated under the OLC.

Portable lighting: Portable lighting is lighting that is not permanently mounted to a fixed structure and can be moved from one location to another. Portable lighting does not include *mobile lighting*.

6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

Not applicable.

7.0 PROCEDURES:

Not applicable.