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## Trespass Lighting

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Meeting  
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## Land Development Code

Sec. 30-345. General performance standards.

- (a) All uses and activities permitted in any zoning district shall conform to the standards of performance described in this section.....
- (8) Lighting. ....Directional luminaires such as floodlights, spotlights, sign lights and area lights shall be so installed and aimed that they illuminate only the task intended and that the light they produce does not shine directly onto neighboring properties or roadways.

Building facade lighting, sports lighting and other applications using floodlights shall have glare shielding (external or internal shields) to prevent light trespass and light pollution.

All lighting shall be designed, hooded or shielded to direct light so that no illumination source or glare creates a nuisance to any adjoining property or unreasonably interferes with the lawful use and enjoyment of any adjoining property.....

- (9) Light pollution. All building lighting for security or aesthetics will be fully cut-off type, not allowing any upward distribution of light.

Sec. 30-345.1. Nonconforming luminaires.

... Additionally, nonconforming luminaires that direct light toward streets or parking areas that cause glare so as to cause a public nuisance should be either shielded or re-directed within 30 days of notification.

Improperly-shielded, glare-producing lighting is garish, makes the areas around them look slum-like and ugly, reduces property values of adjacent properties, and reduces the quality and enjoyment of life after dark.

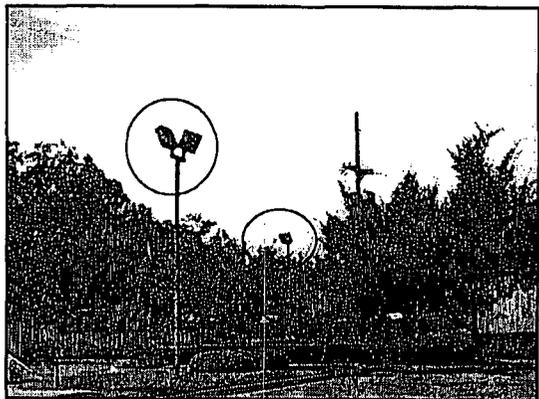
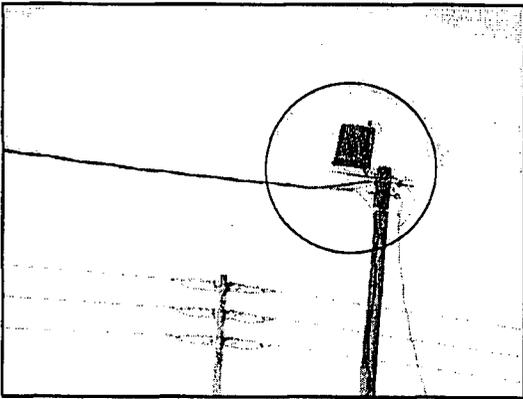
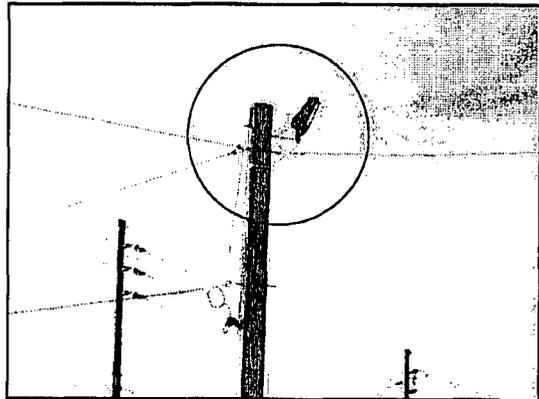
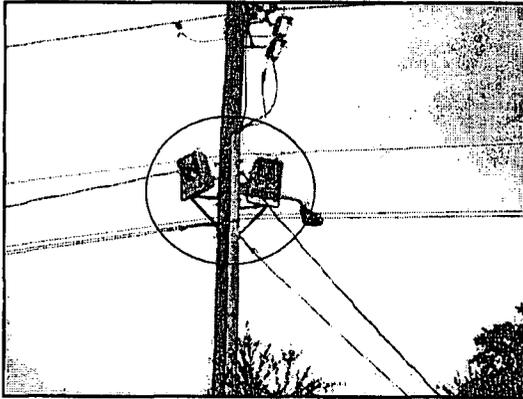
Direct glare from improperly-shielded lighting produces a hazard to drivers when the light trespasses into roadways and creates especially dangerous driving conditions when it's raining.

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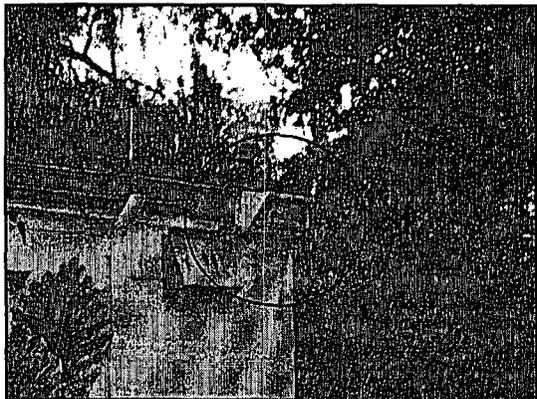
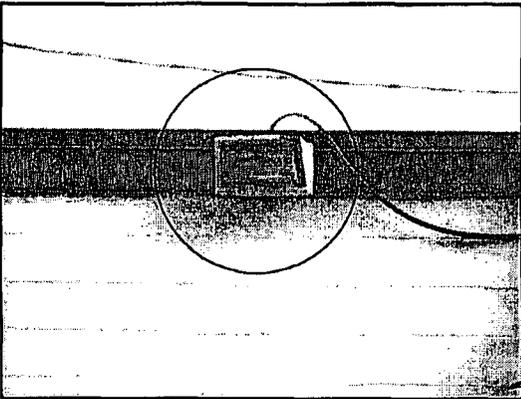
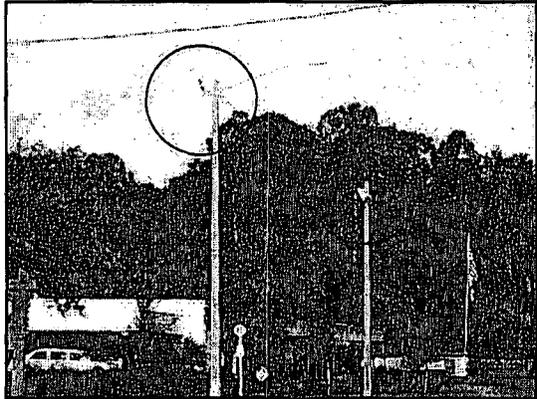
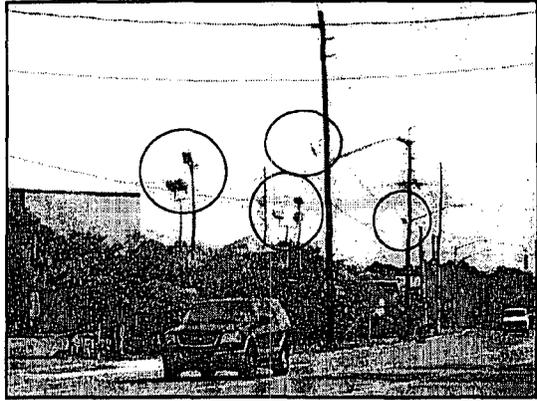
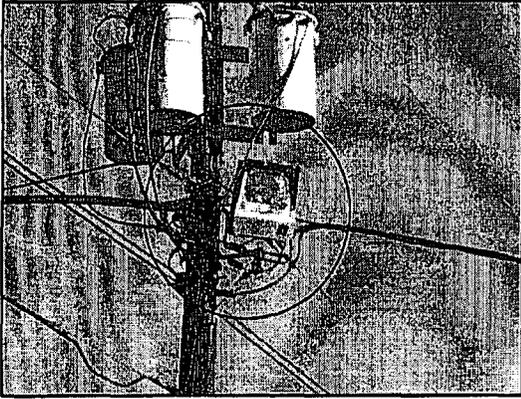
The purpose of lighting is to illuminate the task at hand while avoiding creating a nuisance to adjacent properties, to pedestrians, or to drivers.

Good lighting can be very attractive, and yet serve its purpose. It does not have to be a nuisance to be functional.

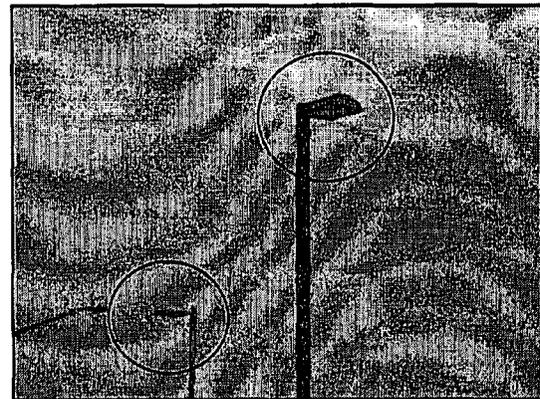
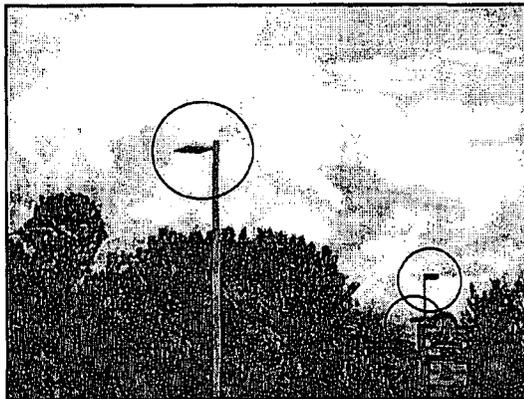
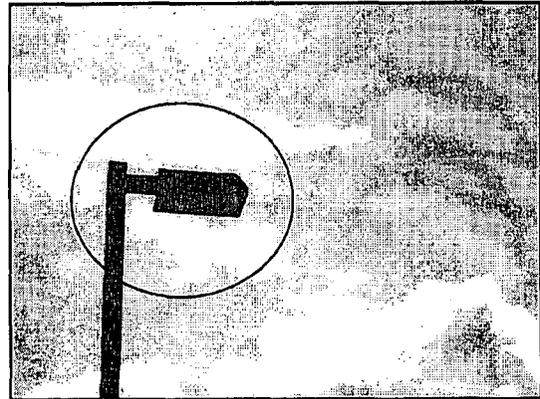
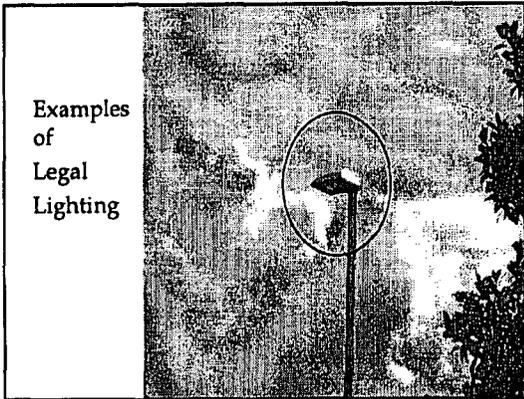
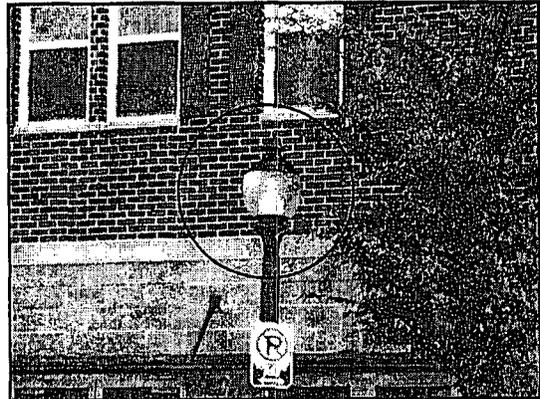
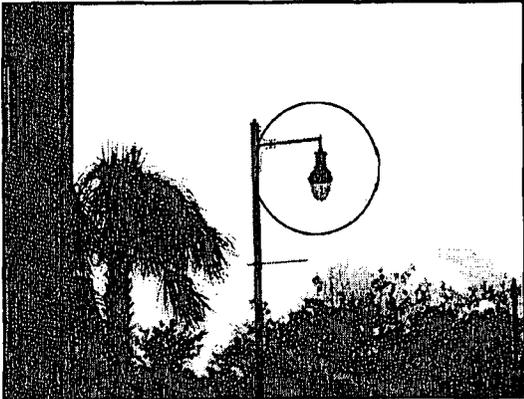
Examples of Illegal Lighting



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**City should enforce ordinance/amend ordinance language if necessary**

- 1) Cease to issue and approve electrical permits for improperly-shielded or improperly aimed lighting
- 2) Direct GRU to cease installing same
- 3) Direct GRU to replace, re-aim or properly shield non-conforming fixtures that have been installed, and
- 4) Notify property owners in violation of the code to replace, properly shield, or re-aim non-conforming fixtures, per Sec. 30-345.1 Gainesville Code of Ordinances.