



Manitowoc Fire Rescue  
Division of Life Safety

Lighting Ordinance

MMC 18.040

# Purpose

- As we consider an outdoor lighting ordinance, we decided it should address the following key areas of concern:
  - *Reasonable uses of outdoor lighting*
  - *Minimize light trespass*



# Purpose

- Last several years concerns received
  - Neighboring property owners
  - Persons traveling public roadways
- Reviewed ordinances from several communities
  - Many which are more restrictive

# Reasonable Use

- Nighttime Safety
- Utility
- Security
- Productivity
- Enjoyment



# Light Trespass

- Glare
- Obtrusive light
- Artificial sky glow caused by:
  - *Misdirected*
  - *Excessive*
  - *Unnecessary outdoor lighting*



# Challenge

- Lack of Enforcement
  - *Personal Accountability*
    - Good Neighbor
  - *No specific language*
    - MMC 15.430(12)(d)



# Opportunity

- Address the purpose of outdoor lighting
  - Illuminate specific areas
    - *Security*
    - *Driveways*
    - *Entryways*
    - *Decks*
    - *Residence facades*
    - *Landscaping highlights*
  - Not to illuminate entire property
  - Eliminate glare into neighboring properties