

**CHAPTER XX.30
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Sections:

- xx.30.010 Off-Premise Sign Regulations.**
xx.30.020 Outdoor Lighting Standards.
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~~**xx.30.010 Off-Premise Sign Regulations.**~~

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to protect the general health, safety and welfare of County residents and the traveling public as well as their general aesthetic views within the County, ~~while allowing for advertising by having standards for the type, size, number, illumination of and location of off-premise signs. Off-premise signs shall be compatible with the surrounding uses, sensitive to the surrounding natural area and shall retain the rural character of the community. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.~~
- B. **Applicability.** ~~The off-~~Off-premise sign regulations shall apply to any person, firm, corporation or business wanting to construct or erect an off-premise sign within the unincorporated portion of Pend Oreille County. Safety signs are excluded.
- C. **Design Criteria.** All off premise signs larger than 3 square feet shall ~~require a sign permit before installation and must~~ be designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with County Building Codes, all applicable ordinances, and the following standards:
1. Off premise signs may not be located on private property without the written approval of the property owner.
 2. No ~~off-premise~~off-premise sign may be located on County property or in the rights-of-way owned by the County or the State of Washington.
 3. No ~~off-premise~~off-premise sign may be located any closer than 660 feet (or line of site from approach to access road) to any dwelling unit, except the dwelling unit(s) owned by the owner of the site on which the sign is located. This distance may be reduced if all of the property owners within 660' of the proposed off premise sign provide an affidavit that they are knowledgeable about the proposed site and design of the sign and have no objections.
 4. No ~~off-premise~~off-premise sign shall interfere with public safety.
 5. No off-premise sign shall be larger than 32 square feet;

6. No off-premise sign shall be taller than 15 feet in height as measured from the top of the sign to the —surface of the ~~roadway-existing grade~~ adjacent to the sign.
7. Utility Poles and trees shall not be used to display signs.
8. All illuminated signs must meet the standards set forth in Ch. Xx.30.020 (Outdoor Lighting Standards) of the Pend Oreille County Development Regulations.
9. Signs within jurisdictional shoreline areas shall comply with the Shoreline Regulations, Chapter XX.34 of the Pend Oreille County Development Regulations.

xx.30.020 Outdoor Lighting Standards.

- A. The purpose of this section is to provide standards for outdoor lighting to help ensure compatibility with neighboring uses, preserve our dark skies, and provide a more pleasant and comfortable nighttime environment while preserving the ability to install effective security lighting.
- B. The following outdoor lighting standards shall apply in all zones:
 1. Lighting fixtures must be a full cut-off design that is shielded, hooded and oriented towards the ground so that direct rays of lighting source(s) are not visible past the property boundaries and do not shine into the night sky;
 2. The use of motion sensing devices is encouraged;
 3. No lighting shall blink, flash or be of unusually high intensity or brightness; and
 4. New or replacement lighting of County or private roads shall be shielded and downward pointing.
- C. The following lighting is exempt from the requirements of this Chapter:
 1. Lighting fixtures installed on residential structures with incandescent lamps, or equivalent. This exemption does not apply to fixtures that light parking areas, driveways, sports areas or outbuildings;
 2. Seasonal decorative lighting fixtures (i.e. Christmas lights);
 3. Lighting fixtures used temporarily for emergency purposes;
 4. Public athletic fields, fairgrounds, and approved temporary special events lighting;
 5. Approved navigation, aviation, and traffic safety lighting; and
 7. Construction lighting.

xx.30.030 Clearing, Grading, and Stormwater Management

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- A. The purpose of this section is to provide standards to govern clearing and grading activities in order to protect private property, water quality, environmentally sensitive areas, shorelines, and priority habitat areas. No provision of this section is intended to impede commercial, forestry, or agricultural activities.
- B. The following clearing and grading standards shall apply to development activities in all zones and shall be processed as a Class 1 permit:
 1. All clearing and grading activities shall be conducted so as to minimize potential adverse effects on off-site property, surface water quality, critical areas, and shorelines.
 2. Stormwater runoff from new developments shall not adversely affect off-site property, surface water quality and quantity, and/or critical areas. Provisions shall be made to control the release of surface water runoff from the development both during and following construction.
 3. Clearing and grading, including drainage and erosion control measures, shall conform to the requirements of the Washington State Department of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington as adopted by Pend Oreille County , or alternative measures that meet or exceed these standards as determined by the County.
 4. All development shall ensure that soil erosion and sedimentation of drainage-ways will be controlled to prevent damage to adjoining property and downstream drainage channels and receiving waters.
 5. Surface drainage shall not be directed to or discharged onto county roads or ditches within county rights-of-way unless approved by the County Public Works Director or his/her designee.
 6. Drainage controls may be required to regulate velocities of runoff water and to control pollutants, erosion, and sedimentation if the County determines that it is probable that damage could occur downstream to property or water quality of receiving water bodies. Such controls may include landscaping or re-establishing native vegetation, ponds, catch basins, bio-filters, and other control structures or systems.
 7. If required by the County, a drainage analysis shall be prepared. A drainage report, prepared under the direction of and sealed by a professional engineer, shall be submitted by the Applicant for review as part of the permit application. The drainage report shall clearly define the measures proposed to control stormwater runoff so as to avoid offsite, downstream impacts to adjacent property and receiving water bodies. The County Engineer shall have the authority to approve or reject the adequacy of drainage reports and stormwater control measures, which decision is final and not subject to administrative appeal.

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8. The County may condition any approval of a development permit so as to require clearing, grading and drainage controls to meet the requirements of this Section.

C. The Following Clearing and grading activities are exempt from this section:

1. Any landfill or excavation of 500 cubic yards or less throughout the total lifetime of the fill or excavation; and any fill or excavation classified as a class I, II, or III forest practice under RCW 76.09.050 or regulations there under.
2. Any clearing of vegetation that is less than 50% of the area of a lot which is 2 acres or less in size.
3. Any clearing of vegetation that is less than 1 acre on lots larger than 2 acres in size.