

**TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE,  
COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 7-1-20 OF THE SEVERANCE MUNICIPAL  
CODE TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF NUISANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Severance, Colorado (the “Town”) is duly organized and validly exists as a Home Rule Town under Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution and the Town’s Home Rule Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Severance Town Council (the “Council”) recognizes and supports the importance of residents always having the quiet enjoyment of their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, excessive outdoor lighting can and does cause unnecessary stress and other health issues such as sleep disturbances and altered circadian rhythms; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the foregoing objectives, the Council desires to amend the Severance Municipal Code to add certain lighting issues to the definition of nuisance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds it in the best interest of the general health, safety and welfare of its citizens, to address and regulate outdoor lighting as a nuisance in the Town Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO:**

**Section 1.** The above and foregoing findings are hereby incorporated by this reference as specific findings and determinations of the Council.

**Section 2.** Section 7-1-20 of the Severance Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 7-1-20. – Definitions.**

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*Nuisance* means:

- (1) The conducting or maintaining of any business, occupation, activity, building, land, or premises prohibited by state statute or by this Code;
- (2) The continuous or repeated conducting or maintaining of any business, occupation, operation, activity, building, land or premises is in violation of state statute or this Code;

- (3) Any building, structure or land open to or used by the general public, the continuous use or condition of which presents a substantial danger or hazard to the health, safety or welfare of the community;
- (4) Any unlawful pollution or contamination of any surface or subsurface waters in this Town, or of the air, or of any water, substance or material intended for human consumption;
- (5) A thing, act, failure to act, occupation, activity, condition or use of any building, land, substance or property which shall otherwise constitute or be known or declared a nuisance by virtue of common law, state statutes or the ordinances of the Town;
- (6) Any activity, operation or condition which, after being ordered abated, corrected or discontinued by a lawful order of any department or officer of the Town, continues to be conducted or continues to exist in violation of any statute or this Code or in violation of any regulation of the Town, the county, or the state;
- (7) Any activity, operation, condition, building, structure, place, premises or thing which is injurious to the health or safety of the citizens of the Town, or which is offensive to the senses so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property;
- (8) Any nuisance defined or declared as such by state statute or this Code;
- (9) Any dilapidated building of whatever kind which is unused by the owner, or uninhabited because of deterioration or decay, which condition constitutes a fire hazard, or subjects adjoining property to danger or damage by storm, soil erosion, or rodent infestation, or which becomes a place frequented by trespassers and transients seeking a temporary hideout or shelter;
- (10) Any building or structure, or any portion of the building or structure, which is unsafe or unfit for use or occupancy, because it has been constructed, exists, is used, or is maintained in violation of any applicable building or structural requirements or restrictions under the building codes as adopted by the Town; or
- (11) Any building or structure which is in a condition that is unsanitary, is a fire, life or safety hazard, or is likely to cause sickness or disease because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, decay, damage, faulty construction or arrangement, or lack of sufficient fire-resistive construction, fire protection systems and connections, electrical systems and connections, fuel connections or mechanical or plumbing systems and connections.
- (12) Any blinking, flashing, moving, revolving, flickering, changing intensity, and chase lighting between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following morning, except lighting for public safety or required for air traffic safety.

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**Section 3.** Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any section, phrase, clause, or portion of the Ordinance as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

**Section 4.** All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

**Section 5.** This ordinance is deemed necessary for the immediate protection of the health, welfare and safety of the community.

**Section 6.** In accordance with Section 6.03(6) of the Severance Home Rule Charter, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

**INTRODUCED, READ, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.**



**TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO**

Matthew Fries, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk

**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO )  
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COUNTY OF WELD        )

I, Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk for the Town of Severance, Colorado do solemnly swear and affirm that I published in full a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-10, enacted by the Town Council on June 10 2025, on the Town of Severance's website, [www.townofseverance.org/255/Ordinances](http://www.townofseverance.org/255/Ordinances) , on the 13 day of June , 2025.

Witness my hand and seal this 13 day of June , 2025.

Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk