Why did the City and County update their lighting standards?

The dark skies of Moab and the surrounding region are a valuable and rare resource that millions of people throughout the world never get to see. To protect our dark skies and support a high quality of life for residents, the City of Moab and Grand County have updated outdoor lighting standards for residences and businesses in order to encourage responsible lighting that protects our health and safety, and brings the beauty of night skies closer to home and accessible to visitors.

The lighting code was researched and rewritten to encourage lighting practices that will minimize light pollution, glare, light overflow, and sky glow in Moab and the region without compromising your safety and the safety of others.

To minimize the effects of light pollution:

✔ Turn lights on only WHEN needed and install them only WHERE needed.
✔ Illuminate areas with no more light than necessary.
✔ Dim or turn off the lights during late-night hours.

More and brighter lighting does not make us safer. In fact, glare from unshielded and bright lights can compromise our vision and affects our ability to see potential hazards in our surroundings.

Better lighting will help Moab maintain its rural character, and be an even safer and more enjoyable place to live.

Commit to better lighting

By making adjustments to your home and property’s outdoor lighting, you are contributing to a better quality of life in Moab and Grand County.

Switching to compliant, shielded lighting is good for all of us.

✔ Select outdoor lighting fixtures that are fully shielded and pointing downward.
✔ Use dimmers, timers, or motion sensors on fixtures and program them for efficiency.
✔ Replace yard lighting with shielded fixtures and bulbs within brightness limits, and use only when needed to eliminate extreme glare and light spillage over a wide area.
✔ Install warm white or extra warm white bulbs (3,000K maximum) instead of daylight, cool white, or white, non-compliant bulbs.

This is a simplified explanation of the new outdoor lighting codes. Please direct your questions to the agencies listed on the back panel of this brochure. We are committed to helping you with your lighting solutions.