

UF Procedures for Campus Illumination

These procedures apply to requests for temporary multi-colored lighting of structures, and landscapes, as well as requests for new permanent installations of multi-color/animated specialty lighting of structures and landscapes on UF's main campus.

I. Requests for temporary illumination

For existing buildings/structures with illumination capabilities, Strategic Communications and Marketing (SCM) will review the request to temporarily illuminate a particular building/structure in consultation with the President and relevant user groups. A preference will be given to requests that are associated with a campus event or group. The lighting of Century Tower should be reserved for events of exceptional significance. Examples of previously approved temporary special lightings of Century Tower include honoring the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and Pulse nightclub shootings, recognizing UF Health hospital workers for their contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic and the annual lighting of the Holiday Gator near University Auditorium. Final approval for temporarily lighting the Century Tower rests with the UF President or designee; final approval for temporarily lighting all other campus buildings/structures rests with the Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing. SCM notifies the user group of the decision.

II. Requests for new permanent illumination

Requests for new permanent multi-colored/animated specialty lighting shall be submitted to Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) as a project request. PDC staff will review requests in consultation with the landscape master plan standards as well as applicable university stakeholders, the user group, Facility Services, appropriate Faculty Senate Joint Committees, and the Construction Project Planning and Approval Executive Committee (CPPEC). As needed, PDC will provide a recommendation to CPPEC as to the appropriateness of the proposed permanent specialty lighting and the Committee will determine the final approval/denial of the request. PDC then notifies the user group of the decision.

Information to develop in requests for new permanent multicolored/animated lighting are:

- State the purpose of the proposed illumination.
- Describe the area for proposed illumination in detail. Provide a site plan or rendering, if available.
- Obtain a professional lighting study as part of project development.
- If the request pertains to a landscape accent, confirm that the proposed illumination comports with UF's [landscape master plan](#) lighting standards, or state why it is recommended for an exception.

- If the location of the proposed illumination is on or near a significant or historic building/structure, please describe how the illumination will be operationalized to complement the building/structure's use.
- If the proposed lighting is near conservation land, an observatory, or any other light-sensitive use, please describe how the illumination will be operationalized to mitigate disruption of activities in adjacent areas.

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