



## Temporary Lighting for Agricultural Sites and Harvesting Crops Guide

### Purpose

To establish a policy defining temporary lighting for agricultural sites and harvesting crops.

### Authority

The Building Official shall have the authority to render interpretations of the code and adopt and enforce rules and supplemental regulations to clarify the application of provisions per Section 104.1 of the California Building Code.

### Leading Applicable Code Section(s)

California Electrical Code section 590.3(b)

*Temporary electrical power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes.*

### Policy

The intent of these sections is to provide Agricultural related uses a way to light work areas during harvest season. A building permit is not required if all the following conditions are met:

- All lighting shall be powered by a portable generator or permitted electrical service.
- The lighting shall not be supported by any building or structure.
- The lighting shall not be used for growing plants or modifying the environment of a building, structure, or cultivation area.
- Temporary lighting shall consist of one of the following:
  - a. Portable generator and light tower combination, or
  - b. Portable generator and UL listed lighting supported between two poles (poles not to exceed 6'6" in height and lighting span limited to UL listing, including any extension cords), or
  - c. Permitted electrical service and UL listed lighting supported between two poles (poles not to exceed 6'6" in height and lighting span limited to UL listing, including any extension cords).
- The lighting may be stationary for a period not to exceed two weeks (14 days).
- The lighting is not used on the property for more than 90 cumulative days in any calendar year.

The lighting shall comply with San Luis Obispo County Ordinance, Title 22: **Section 22.10.060** for exterior lighting.

**Building permit exemptions shall not authorize any work to be done in violation of the San Luis Obispo County Ordinance (Title 19) or any other law or ordinance of this jurisdiction.**