

City of El Paso Capital Improvement Department

Title 18 | Ordinance Amendment Sun City Lights Program

December 15, 2025

Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso



Background

As we move forward with the Sun City Lights Program, we face a regulatory challenge. Under the current **Title 18 Outdoor Lighting Code**, our artistic and placemaking installations are classified as **Class 1 Functional Lighting** the same category as roadway, parking, and security fixtures.

Outdoor lighting Code Limitations

Standards are strict:

Color temperature limits (to reduce glare and blue light).

Cutoff and shielding requirements (to minimize light trespass).

Brightness levels based on safety codes.

The code assumes lighting is for visibility and safety, not aesthetics.



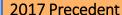


Overview

Title 18 Lighting Code

Not designed for artistic/placemaking

Impact on Sun City Lights
Program
Limits innovation
Adds delays & redesign costs



Council approved Ordinance **18.18.377 Heritage corridors** No. 018665

☐ Kern Place — Cincinnati Sun City Lights



Recommendation

Amend the existing ordinance to include the remaining (4) four Sun City Lights projects

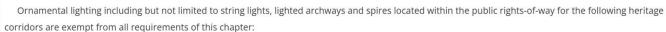
- **★** Five Points
- **★** MCA Washington Park
- ★ Marty Robbins Park
- ★ Pueblo Viejo Park

18.18.377 - Heritage corridors.











2. Kern Place Neighborhood Corridor which is Cincinnati Avenue which is from North Stanton Street to North Oregon Street; East Glory Road from North Mesa Street to North Oregon Street; and East Baltimore Avenue from North Stanton Street to North Mesa Street.

(Ord. No. 18665, § 1, 4-18-2017)







Strategic Alignment

VIBRANT REGIONAL ECONOMY

Goal 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

3.1 Improve the visual impression of the community (gateways, corridors, intersections and parklands)

- Construct Sun City Lights entryways

Without this proposed exemption, the City's own program may conflict with lighting code

















Request for Action

Authorize staff to draft amendment to **Ordinance Title 18.18.377** – Article X Other Exemptions.

Direct CID + Planning & Inspections + Legal to prepare language.

Apply exemptions to all remaining Sun City Lights projects that are currently under design.

- Five Points
- MCA Washington Park
- Marty Robbins Park
- Pueblo Viejo Park



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