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- Unshielded Wallpacks & Unshielded Wall Mount Fixtures
- Drop-Lens & Sag-Lens Fixtures w/ exposed bulb / refractor lens
- Unshielded Streetlight
- Unshielded Security Light
- Unshielded PAR Floodlights

**Acceptable**
Fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass and to facilitate better vision at night

- Full Cutoff Fixtures
- Fully Shielded Wallpack & Wall Mount Fixtures
- Fully Shielded Streetlight
- Fully Shielded ‘Period’ Style Fixtures
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