

# The Mayor and Council of the Town of Townsend

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Introduced by: Mayor Rudolph Sutton  
Introduced on: July 19, 2017

## ORDINANCE NO. 17-04

### AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STREET LIGHT UTILITY FEE IN THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND

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**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the ALL residents and property owners within the incorporated Town limits shall be assessed a street lighting fee as established by Town Council for the purpose of paying electrical charges to maintain the existing street lighting system,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the street lighting system is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town's residents, visitors, and the general public by casting adequate lighting onto municipal streets so as to promote safe travel for vehicles and pedestrians.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND** (a majority of the members elected thereto concurring therein):

**Section 1.** Amend Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Townsend, Delaware by adding thereto a new section, 62-70 therein to read as follows:

### "ARTICLE III. STREET LIGHTS

#### SECTION 62-70. STREET LIGHTING FEE.

- (a) The Town Council may establish a Municipal Street Lighting Fee pursuant to Ordinance No. 16-05.
- (b) The municipal street lighting fee shall be attached to each monthly utility (trash) bill generated.
- (c) As all classes of property derive the same benefits, all classes of property will pay the same rate."

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**Section 2. Definitions.**

*Street Lighting System* shall mean a series of light posts and lights which are installed adjacent to public streets within the incorporated Town limits to provide for adequate lighting on streets and walkways to promote safety of drivers and pedestrians.

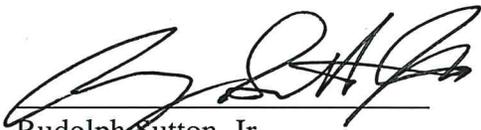
**Section 3.** If any provision of this Act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

**Section 4.** This Act shall become effective upon adoption.

**SYNOPSIS**

This Act *establishes a Municipal Street Lighting Fee to be added to the monthly utility (trash) billing.*

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