

Planning Commission of the Town of Townsend

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The Mayor and Council of the Town of Townsend
140 Main Street, P.O. Box 223
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August 02, 2023

RE: Ordinance 2023-001

Chair
Mr. Troy Geiger

To the Mayor and Town Council,

Co- Chair
Mr. James Reyes

This letter transmits the Townsend Planning Commission's recommendation to accept Ordinance 2023-001 that addresses the re-instatement of Section 24.8 Light Pollution that was inadvertently left out after a large edit back in 2021.

Mrs. Lisa Brooks

This Section was reviewed and updated from the previous Ordinance 11-03 to bring more clarity and consideration for more efficient lighting. One section the Commission would like to bring to Council attention is Section C. General Requirements; Number 3. Exemptions not regulated by this Ordinance, specifically, section a., which states the following:

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“Lighting within public right-of-way or easement for the principle purpose of illuminating streets or roads. No exemption shall apply to any lighting within the public right of way or easement when the purpose of the lighting is to illuminate areas outside the public right-of-way or easement.”

Please take this into consideration when working with the State, County and Developers to ensure that right-of-way roads lighting is not light trespassing into our residents' yards and houses.

On July 19, 2023, the Townsend Planning Commission took the following action:

On a motion to vote by Commissioner James Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Lisa Brooks, the Townsend Planning Commission, pursuant to Title 22, Chapter 1, Section 101 of the Delaware Code, and the Townsend Charter 1.3, has reviewed and accepted the Ordinance 2023-001, 24.38 Light Pollution of the Zoning And Unified Development Code.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,
Commissioner Troy Geiger

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