

International Dark-Sky Association Model Simple Municipal Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR LIGHTING PRACTICES AND TO ENACT AN OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS the welfare and enjoyment of the Town is associated with its character, including its nighttime ambience; and

WHEREAS preserving and protecting the night sky enhances the use and enjoyment of property through the use of appropriate lighting practices; and

WHEREAS the Town values the practice of energy conservation, and because of the Town's devotion to energy conservation, emphasis on sustainable outdoor lighting practices is desired to decrease the human impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS the need for outdoor light at night can be appropriately met by considering the purpose of the light, targeting it appropriately to that purpose, using the correct illumination level, limiting the duration of its use to legitimate need, and choosing lights that emit lower amounts of harmful blue light into the nighttime environment; and

WHEREAS by applying these principles, properly designed electric lighting at night can be beautiful, healthy, and functional; and

WHEREAS projects that incorporate these principles will save energy and money, reduce light pollution, and minimize wildlife disruption;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Town Council of Townsville that adherence to these outdoor lighting principles serves the public interest and is compatible with the health, safety and wellbeing of the Town and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall propose the text of an ordinance for the consideration of the Council that codifies these concepts into law, following established best practices.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 202__.

ATTEST:

By: _____, Mayor

By: _____, Secretary

By: _____