



FW: outdoor lighting ordinance

From Damico, Tracy <TDamico@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Date Mon 8/18/2025 10:55 AM

To COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Cc Ford, John <JFord@co.humboldt.ca.us>

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Please do not reply all.

Kaleigh will capture and include upon complete of the meeting. It will also be available for the public tomorrow.

Thank you –

Tracy

From: Jess O <xingyiquan5@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 3:40 PM

To: COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: outdoor lighting ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please help protect our amazing night sky. Returning to my home in Humboldt after 20 years in the Bay Area, the incredible, gorgeous night sky in the Arcata bottom is such a wonder to behold. It's precious and invaluable and the epitome of the rural values that make our County great.

After living in the city, I'll never take our rural values for granted. Protecting wildlife is so so important to us and our future.

Please include street lighting, and make motion detectors mandatory. And include string light timers. These protections are very important.

Thanks for your efforts!

Sincerely,

Jess O'Brien
Arcata, CA

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From: Stacy Becker <sbecker@reninet.com>

Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:41 PM

To: COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>

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I support the Planning Commission's recommendation to limit color temperature and light intensity. The precious remaining wilderness and wildlife in this region deserve low impact human interference, like lighting. Human enjoyment of clearer night skies is also a plus!

I would like to see the following improvements:

- **Include street lighting** in the ordinance, in line with the County's General Plan guidance.
- The requirement for fully shielded lighting includes a **caveat for translucent shielding material**. This defeats the purpose of shielding, by allowing some light to escape upwards or sideways—in direct conflict with the definition of “fully shielded” in these ordinances.
- **Eliminate exemptions for lights with motion detectors**, which should just be another tool to protect the night sky alongside shielding, warm temperatures and lower intensity bulbs.
- Eliminate intensity and color temperature exemptions for **string lighting**, and require them to be on timers.

Stacy Becker

Resident, McKinleyville, CA

dark sky

From Ginni Hassrick <hasgin@reninet.com>

Date Fri 8/15/2025 1:12 PM

To COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>

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I live in an unlit road. The only light I have outside is a motion detector. It's for my safety as well as my family's. Please let us keep these...
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August 19, 2025

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RE: Outdoor Lighting Ordinances
(Inland and Coastal)

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prevention, which is a major concern for his business.

As the days continue to get shorter this extremely bright security light becomes more of an issue for families attending events at Lafayette School and/or residents or visitors going to the Coast Guard Housing.

When you are turning right onto Park Street, there is no problem because of where the light is mounted.

I thank you for listening to this major concern of ours

We have copies for each of you.

Respectfully

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