



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** January 23, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Deschutes County Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Staff seeks direction from the Board on the next steps for revisiting the County's Outdoor Lighting Control Ordinance. Options that are available include:

1. Initiating amendments to Deschutes County Code (DCC) Chapter 15.10, Outdoor Lighting Control
2. Disseminating education materials (downward shielding focus)
3. Reconvening a panel to discuss amending DCC Chapter 15.10
4. Other

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Since November 2021, the Board has expressed support for revisiting DCC Chapter 15.10. In January 2022, the Deschutes County Planning Commission reviewed outdoor lighting-related information and directed staff to assemble an 8-person panel reflecting varying perspectives on dark skies and outdoor lighting. A panel was convened in February 2022 and the Planning Commission made a motion to the Board to: 1) Update DCC Chapter 15.10; and 2) Explore an educational campaign related to dark skies best practices. In April 2022, the Board directed staff to pursue dark skies best practices and policies as part of the Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update process. In October 2022, the Board expressed support for revisiting DCC Chapter 15.10 as a standalone work item, emphasizing educational outreach efforts rather than code enforcement responses.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

None

**ATTENDANCE:**

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