

**TOWN OF GRAND LAKE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ORDINANCE NO. 07-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 12-7-6 AND ADOPTING A DARK  
SKY LIGHTING MANAGEMENT PLAN BY REFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute and the provisions of the Grand Lake Municipal Code (the “Code”), is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado (“the Town”); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 12-7-6 of the Town Code sets forth lighting standards for the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Staff collaborated with DarkSky International to create guidelines for a Grand Lake, Colorado Lighting Management Plan (the “Plan”) attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, in order to provide requirements to adequately protect the Town and its night sky; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Staff amended the standard DarkSky International model plan to conform and address the unique and specific needs of the Town of Grand Lake in the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Grand Lake believes adopting the Plan is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Grand Lake.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
TOWN OF GRAND LAKE, COLORADO, THAT:**

1. The Town of Grand Lake, Colorado Lighting Management Plan (the “Plan”) attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.
2. The Plan may be amended from time to time by Resolution of the Board of Trustees.
3. Section 12-7-6 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Grand Lake is hereby amended with the removal of the strikethrough language and the addition of the bold underlined language to read in its entirety as follows:

**12-7-6 Lighting Standards and Dark Sky Compliance.**

**(A) All lighting shall comply with the requirements set forth in the Town of Grand Lake Lighting Management Plan. Such Plan is set forth to substantially comply with the ‘Dark Sky Concept’ as amended by the Board of Trustees to serve the needs of the Town of Grand Lake. A copy of the Grand Lake Lighting Management Plan is on file and available for inspection with the Town Clerk during normal business hours and may be amended from time to time by Resolution of the Board of Trustees.**

**(B)** Standards for controlling lighting and glare are set forth to reduce annoyance and inconvenience to property owners and traffic hazards to motorists while providing for the protection of a comfortable community environment. These standards are intended to allow reasonable enjoyment of adjacent and nearby property by the owners and the general public while requiring adequate levels of lighting in private and public spaces.

~~(A) *Lighting Standards for Private and Public Spaces.*~~

- ~~1. Lighting shall be consistent with the 'Dark Sky Concept' through the utilization of approved night scaping fixtures, which prevent adverse effects of artificial night lighting.~~
  - ~~(a) This shall include components to reduce: sky glow glare, light trespassing and clutter, decreased night visibility, and energy waste.~~
- ~~2. Lighting shall be down cast to the fullest extent possible.~~
- ~~3. Accent Ornamental Lighting shall be permitted and is highly recommended to be utilized.~~
- ~~4. Seasonal Ornamental Lighting shall be permitted but shall be kept in a properly working order.~~
- ~~5. Other exterior ornamental lighting shall be reviewed on a case by case basis.~~

~~(B) *Lighting Guideline for Private and Public Spaces.*~~

- ~~1. Lighting should be non-intrusive to the surrounding properties and general community.~~
- ~~2. The Town strongly encourages the use of exterior ornamental lighting that is powered by solar energies and utilizes day and night time sensors.~~
- ~~3. Lighting shall be maintained in a properly working order.~~

4. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts are declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

5. Repeal. Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters as embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this Ordinance. Except as specifically amended by this ordinance, all other provisions of the Grand Lake Town Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GRAND LAKE THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.**

Votes Approving: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF  
GRAND LAKE, COLORADO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alayna Carrell  
Town Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephan Kudron  
Mayor