

ATTACHMENT NO. 3

From: [Barbara Blaid James](#)
To: [Ingrid Allen](#); ryansarewe@bellsouth.net
Cc: [David Anderson](#); [Jeff Remas](#); [Marshall Labadie](#)
Subject: HIGHLAND BEACH Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance U-TUBE
Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022 12:27:55 PM

Dear Joanne Ryan (FWC Permit #22-100) and others - In my 21+ years as a resident of Highland Beach and most of those years as a Sea Turtle Program volunteer and/or Permit Holder, this is the very first time I have seen such attention to detail from true professionals that we finally have in our Village Government. The Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance which was formerly two sentences (if that) is finally, in 2022-23, being upgraded beyond expectations. The eleven page potential Ordinance can be found on the Town website. The Town has taken the ball and run very fast and furious with it. I will attempt to watch/listen to the 11/2 Commission meeting on my cell phone, as I am not available to attend.

Following is a link to the **U-Tube portion of the Town Commission's October 18th, 2022 meeting.** [\(78\) 10/018/2022 Town Commission Meeting - YouTube](#) (click on the link at bottom
The Turtle Lighting Topic discussion appears starting at 1:36:58 and ending at 2:00:32.

This replacement Ordinance will be "approved" at a future meeting. OUR CURRENT TOWN GOVERNMENT WANTS THIS ORDINANCE. *Celebration indeed.* Thanks to those involved in making this happen - **Barbara James**

PS - if you attempt to find this meeting another way, please note that U-Tube description has a typo - is shows 10/**0**18/2022 instead of 10/18/2022.



On Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 06:01:17 AM EDT, ryansarewe@bellsouth.net
<ryansarewe@bellsouth.net> wrote:

Good morning, Ingrid,

Thank you for the invitation to the NRPAB meeting regarding the sea turtle lighting ordinance. I would be happy to attend the meeting on Nov 2nd and I am including in this email the representatives that I think would be interested in attending for Palm Beach County, FWC and Gumbo Limbo.

I will reach out to our "turtle team" and see who can be available to attend as well.

Also, I want to thank Barbara for keeping the ball rolling on this issue. As she mentioned in her emails, the code compliance staff has been excellent in resolving lighting issues over this past summer.

Thank you for all your efforts.

See you in November.

Joanne Ryan
Highland Beach MT Permit #100
561-441-4375

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 11:35:42 AM EDT, Ingrid Allen <iallen@highlandbeach.us> wrote:

Joanne:

Good afternoon. The introduction of the sea turtle lighting Ordinance went before the Town Commission yesterday. The Commission made a motion to have the Town's Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board (NRPAB) review the Ordinance and have yourself, as the current Marine Turtle Permit Holder (and any volunteers) as well as representatives from Gumbo Limbo and FWC attend such NRPAB meeting. That said, the NRPAB meets quarterly, and their next meeting is November 2, 2022 at 1:00pm (Town Hall Chambers). Would you be available to attend on November 2nd? Also, can you provide me with any contacts you may have over at Gumbo Limbo and any local contact at FWC (I have been in contact with Beth Mongiovi of FWC but she is based in St. Petersburg.). Kindly advise at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Allen

Town Planner

From: bocablanid <bocablanid@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2022 8:11 PM

To: Ingrid Allen <iallen@highlandbeach.us>; bocablanid@yahoo.com

Cc: Jeff Remas <bco@highlandbeach.us>; Joanne Ryan <ryansarewe@bellsouth.net>

Subject: RE: TOWN: Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance Updating

Ingrid (and Jeff) this is, indeed, great news. I am forwarding to the current Marine Turtle Permit Holder - Joanne Ryan. (I am behind the scenes attempting to back away as she builds the Program under her fresh vision).

As a "civilian", I must admit, reading legalize has always been a challenge for me ! I gave it a shot and with a few eyeball rolls as I was feeling somewhat inadequate, it appears to cover many bases and I am quite impressed.

Thank you again for taking the lead and getting this "on the books --- finally". You continue to show you're valuable assets to our Town.

Best to you both ... Barbara

PS .. Glad to report that Jeff and his Ordinance Official(s) were a great help with those violations we reported this year. They now will have the "paper to stand on" in future nesting seasons. BRAVO

----- Original message -----

From: Ingrid Allen <iallen@highlandbeach.us>

Date: 10/13/22 3:25 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Barbara Blamid James <bocablanid@yahoo.com>

Cc: Jeff Remas <bco@highlandbeach.us>

Subject: RE: TOWN: Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance Updating

Barbara:

FYI, at the 10-18-22 Town Commission meeting, the Commission will be considering the Introduction of a proposed sea turtle ordinance (see attached). The ordinance is based on the State of Florida's model lighting ordinance for sea turtle protection. The staff memorandum that will accompany the ordinance will be available on the Town's website the Friday before the meeting at the following link:

<https://highlandbeach-fl.municodemeetings.com/?>

Sincerely,

Ingrid Allen

Town Planner

From: Barbara Blamid James <bocablanid@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:49 AM

To: Marshall Labadie <mlabadie@highlandbeach.us>

Cc: Terisha Cuebas <tcuebas@highlandbeach.us>; Douglas Hillman <dhillman@highlandbeach.us>; Natasha Moore <nmoore@highlandbeach.us>; Peggy Gossett-Seidman <pseidman@highlandbeach.us>; Evalyn David <edavid@highlandbeach.us>; John Shoemaker <jshoemaker@highlandbeach.us>; Jeff Remas <bco@highlandbeach.us>; Ingrid Allen <iallen@highlandbeach.us>; JOANNE RYAN <ryansarewe@bellsouth.net>; Craig Hartmann <chartmann@highlandbeach.us>

Subject: TOWN: Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance Updating

TO: Marshall Labadie - Town Manager

TO: Assistant Town Manager - Terisha Cuebas

CC's TO: Our Town Commissioners

CC: Craig Hartmann - Chief HBPD

CC: Joanne Ryan - FWC Marine Turtle Permit Holder 22-100

CC: Jeff Remas - HB Building Official

CC: Ingrid Allen - HB Town Planner

FROM: Barbara James - Former Sea Turtle Permit Holder

RE: UPDATING SEA TURTLE LIGHTING ORDINANCE

Dear Marshall - (and Ladies and Gentlemen) -

As I am not sure exactly whom to address this request, you are all *the lucky recipients* of this e-mail. Okay - Down to business:

The Town has a two sentence Ordinance about Beach-Front Lighting during Sea Turtle Nesting Season. It was written in the early 1980's (or close enough to that time). For years it has been a struggle to actually clarify to those "in violation" that they are indeed "in violation". Many Towns, Counties and Cities here in Florida and all the way up to the Carolinas have "clearer, newer" Ordinances for these exact issues. Scratching my head, a dozen or so years ago, I inquired of the Town to look into this. Got a pat on the head and said "certainly, we will look into it".

During the pandemic, after having reported one of the "Lights on the Beach" violations, I recall that Jeff Remas and Ingrid Allen told me that they had started the process of "LOOKING INTO THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE UPDATING" - - and one of them (?) had mentioned to me that they had reached out and gotten clear, concise, enforceable material from extremely appropriate sources, enabling them to write the Up-Date that I had been looking for so long. We all got lost during the pandemic freeze-in-place era, so I didn't push, ask or even think about it.

BUT - after having attended the Town Commission meeting yesterday, I saw Jeff coming down the hallway. I put out my foot to trip him; it caused him to stop abruptly and in 25 words or less (hard to believe from me), he said YES, they had indeed completed the necessary rewrite and it just had to be brought up on a future agenda. I won't bother you with the numerous emails to Code Enforcement / Building Department his season with violations of lighting ordinances, and the fast and efficient investigation and completion of those events. **We now have a SUPERIOR TEAM in our CODE/BUILDING Department.** Better than we have had since I have owned here since 1998. Let's take full advantage of their commitment, their fire, their efficiency and their drive. **They have the "product". Ready. Now.**

As mentioned, I had 25 words with Jeff. I do not know whom to ask to put this Completed Project on an Agenda for approval, or discussion, or whatever is deemed necessary. The work is done (thanks in part to Covid quiet time). Those of us working in our "Sea Turtle Nesting Sanctuary" (aka Highland Beaches three-mile maternity ward) could use the support when violations are affecting the nesting.

I admit having made this letter less than Business/Professional - but that was to hope you would read

through it.

Closing on a serious note, please consider adding the Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance Update to a not-to-distant future Commission Meeting for discussion, recommendation and approval.

Grateful for your continued support,

Barbara James

FWC Q.I. / former Permit Holder