

# ATTACHMENT NO. 1

**From:** [SeaTurtleLighting](#)  
**To:** [Ingrid Allen](#); [SeaTurtleLighting](#)  
**Cc:** [Seckinger, Eric](#); [Trindell, Robbin](#); [Mongiovi, Beth](#); [Valvo, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** RE: proposed sea turtle lighting ordinance - Town of Highland Beach  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 9:37:41 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Ingrid,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments on the proposed Sea Turtle Ordinance for the Town of Highland Beach, FL. We have a few suggested additions. They are shown as underlined text below:

Section 4.8(b) *Definitions*.

Foot-candle the English unit for measuring illuminance; the uniform illumination of a surface one foot away from a point source of one candela; one lumen per square foot; equal to 10.76 lux.

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Nesting Season for Palm Beach County is March 1 to October 31.

Section 4.8(e)(5) All glass windows, walls, railings and doors on the seaward and shore-perpendicular sides of any new construction shall use tinted glass with an inside to outside light transmittance value of 45 percent or less. However, a light transmittance of 15% to 30% is recommended by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Section 4.8(k)(4)

- a. Inclusive of...
- b. Mounted less than...
- c. Turned off during nighttime in sea turtle nesting season, or if authorized during sea turtle nesting season, shall only be allowed from 6:00AM to 9:00PM, must be restricted to the minimal amount necessary, and shall incorporate the standards in this section, and
- d. restricted to the minimal number of foot-candles necessary to conform to the applicable construction safety regulations.

We hope you find the comments useful and appreciated that you reached out for comments from the staff at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

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**From:** Ingrid Allen <[iallen@highlandbeach.us](mailto:iallen@highlandbeach.us)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 10:31 AM

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Jennifer:

Thank you for your email. If you would kindly provide comments no later than **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. As I indicated below, the Town's proposed Ordinance is based on the State Model Ordinance dated 12-17-20.



Sincerely,  
**Ingrid Allen**  
Town Planner

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**From:** SeaTurtleLighting <[SeaTurtleLighting@MyFWC.com](mailto:SeaTurtleLighting@MyFWC.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2022 4:03 PM

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Dear Ms. Allen,

Thank you for reaching out to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) for comments on the proposed Sea Turtle Ordinance for the Town of Highland Beach, FL. FWC staff appreciate the opportunity to review and provide comments on the ordinance. Please let me know if there is an impending or designated deadline that must be met.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

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**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2022 10:46 AM

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Good morning Ingrid.

This request should go to our lighting staff who I have included in my response.

Thanks.

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**“...in Wildness is the Preservation of the World.” – Henry David Thoreau**

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**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2022 10:18 AM  
**To:** Mongiovi, Beth <[Mary.Mongiovi@MyFWC.com](mailto:Mary.Mongiovi@MyFWC.com)>  
**Subject:** proposed sea turtle lighting ordinance - Town of Highland Beach

Hi Beth:

The Town is proposing a sea turtle lighting ordinance that is based on the State Model Ordinance Lighting Ordinance for sea turtle protection (dated 12-17-20). The ordinance was introduced to the Town Commission on 10/6/22 and the Commission asked that it be reviewed by the Town's Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board, Gumbo Limbo and FWC. That said, I have attached the proposed ordinance and would appreciate any comments and/or support at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.



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