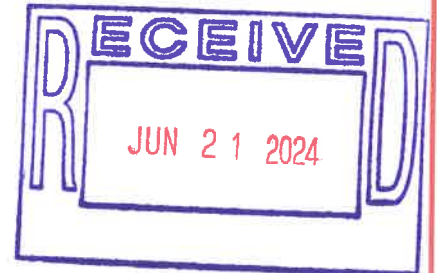




Monday, June 17, 2024

Katie Pereny
Secretary
Mackinac Island Planning Commission
7358 Market Street
P.O. Box 455
Mackinac Island, MI 49757



Dear Ms. Pereny,

I am writing in response to your letter dated May 16, 2024, regarding the lighting on the main dock of the Mackinac Island Ferry Company.

The work on the lighting was part of routine maintenance for non-functional fixtures. According to Chapter 10 - Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Construction Codes, Division 2, Section 10-34, "No permit shall be required for the ordinary repairs which include painting, decorating, and non-structural repairs." The replacement of the light fixtures falls under this category as it involves non-structural maintenance.

To address the concerns raised in the complaint and ensure compliance with Section 11.27 of the Ordinance regarding Exterior Lighting, we have taken the following steps:

1. Installed a Timer: The lights now shut off at 10:00 PM to reduce any potential disturbance during nighttime hours.
2. Adjusted Light Angles: The lights have been angled to focus more directly on the building, minimizing any light spillover and ensuring it is directed downward and confined to the ground areas of the site.
3. Enhanced Dark Sky Friendliness: Although the city does not have specific ordinances explicitly stating dark sky requirements, we have made these

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adjustments in line with dark sky friendly principles to further minimize light pollution and ensure our lighting is environmentally responsible.

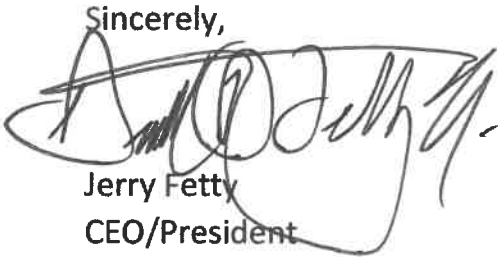
Additionally, it is important to note that these lights are situated at the end of a 650-foot dock with no properties directly adjacent to it. This location significantly reduces any potential impact on surrounding properties and residential areas.

These measures have been implemented to comply with the regulations and to mitigate any concerns about light pollution.

We trust that these adjustments will address the Planning Commission's concerns. Should there be any further questions or additional requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Fetty". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font with a large loop at the end.

Jerry Fetty
CEO/President