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Memorandum

Date: August 8, 2024
To: Minturn Planning Commission
From: Scot Hunn, Consulting Planning Director
Re: Ordinance No. TBD, Series 2024 Exterior Lighting Regulations

Ordinance No. TBD, Series 2024 is being presented to the Planning Commission as an amendment to the Town’s existing exterior lighting regulations, Section 16-17-180 – *Exterior illumination standards*.

Section 16-17-180(f) includes “exemptions” from the Town’s exterior lighting standards (which otherwise prohibit uplighting) for things like illumination of the United States Flag; for holiday or ornamental lighting; and for lighting associated with Town of Minturn events.

The Town recently conducted a town survey wherein respondents expressed support for certain Town led initiatives such as seasonal, aesthetic lighting of the Minturn Water Tank, a historically designated and iconic structure within the Town.

For these reasons, the Town desires to provide professionally designed lighting of the water tank for seasonal celebrations and events.

Therefore, the proposed amendments to the lighting standards aim to clarify that, in addition to Town events, exemptions that may be granted to the Town of Minturn include lighting for “displays.” Such exemptions would be allowable or granted on a “seasonal” or “periodic” basis.

The proposed expansion of the exemption provisions will allow the Town the flexibility to illuminate the water tank on a seasonal, periodic basis for public purposes related to and in conformance with the tank’s historic designation; to enhance community character and celebrate those things that “keep Minturn, Minturn;” for economic development; and to promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the Town.