

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

## City of Rollingwood

**Meeting Date: February 19, 2025**

**Submitted By:**

Staff

**Agenda Item:**

Public hearing, discussion, and possible action on an ordinance to add Section 107-5 (Residential Lighting Manual) and Section 107-81 (Exterior lighting requirements) to provide for regulation of residential exterior lighting

**Description:**

At the January 8, 2025, Planning and Zoning meeting, after the required public hearing on an ordinance to add Section 107-5 (Residential Lighting Manual) and Section 107-81 (Exterior lighting requirements) to provide for regulation of residential exterior lighting, the below items were discussed:

- While the ordinance could serve as a helpful "best practices manual" for compliance in the event of complaints, they did not like it being requirements with fines and enforcement
- Commissioners noted that they found it difficult to find current houses that comply and felt the level of enforcement seemed excessive for a situation that may not be a widespread issue.
- Concern that the ordinance could potentially be used to create conflicts between neighbors, rather than fostering a cooperative and neighborly environment.

**Motion: The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended disapproval by the City Council but to recognize it as a useful set of best practices, and to publish it where appropriate.**

**The motion carried with 4 in favor and 2 against (Bench & Fleming).**

Any ordinance that amends the zoning code must have a properly noticed public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council in order to be approved. Now that the hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission has occurred and the Planning and Zoning Commission has made a recommendation, this public hearing before the City Council may take place, and after the public hearing, the City Council can take action on the ordinance.

**Action Requested:**

To hold a public hearing and consider the recommendation of denial by the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the ordinance to add Section 107-5 which adopts the Residential Lighting Manual and Section 107-81 (Exterior lighting requirements) to provide for regulation of residential exterior lighting

**Fiscal Impacts:**

No significant fiscal impacts are anticipated at this time.

**Attachments:**

- Draft Ordinance to add Section 107-5 (Residential Lighting Manual) and Section 107-81 (Exterior lighting requirements) to provide for the regulation of residential exterior lighting
- Residential Lighting Manual