



AGENDA REPORT

City Council Meeting

TODAY'S DATE: May 12, 2026
MEETING DATE: May 20, 2026
TO: City Council
FROM: Councilor Pam Duquette
SUBJECT: Apply to be an International Dark Sky Community

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The City currently has a Dark Sky Ordinance in regard to lighting, which can be found in *Title 8, Building Regulations, Chapter 4, Outdoor Lighting*.

This item is requesting that the City consider, incorporating into the ordinance working towards becoming a Dark Sky Community with Dark Sky International. Following guidelines and checklists of Dark Sky International will help guide the City. As noted on Dark Sky International's website, "achieving this designation brings recognition of the efforts made by the Community, residents, and public and private organizations to protect the night sky and the nocturnal environment dependent on it. The International Dark Sky designation enhances awareness of dark sky matters, for its Community residents and visitors".

RECOMMENDATION:

Council to consider directing staff to begin the process to apply to Dark Sky International, so Sandpoint can work towards becoming an International Dark Sky Community.

ACTION:

City Council to direct staff to begin the process to submit an application to Dark Sky International, so the City can work towards becoming an International Dark Sky Community.

WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? Yes – application fee is \$250 – other potential costs unknown (ie; supplies). HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED? No

ATTACHMENTS:

IDA-IDSP Application Process
Getting Started
Dark Sky Community Overview