TOWN of SURRY LIGHTING ORDINANCE

I. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VII Part 2, Section 1 of the Maine Constitution and Title 30-A, MRSA, Section 3001 et seq.

II. SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Lighting Ordinance of the Town of Surry Maine", and will be referred to as this "Ordinance".

III. STATEMENT OF NEED and PURPOSE

The town of Surry recognizes the following:

1. Improperly located lighting can cause unsafe and unpleasant condition;
2. Excessive lighting can cause unsafe, unhealthful and unpleasant conditions, waste electricity and threaten the natural environment;
3. Obtrusive lighting can cause unsafe and unpleasant conditions;
4. Proper lighting can enhance safety and enjoyment of the built environment;
5. On balance, lighting with a higher color rendering index (CRI) provides more desirable lighting than lighting with a lower CR; and
6. Illumination levels should be appropriate to the visual task.

This ordinance is established to promote the public health, safety, and welfare and is intended to accomplish the following purposes:

1. allow appropriate lighting levels to preserve safety, security, and the nighttime use and enjoyment of property;
2. reduce light pollution, light trespass, glare, and offensive lighting;
3. promote energy conservation;
4. allow people in residential areas to view the stars against a dark sky;
5. enhance the aesthetics of the built environment; and
6. protect the character of the natural environment and preserve ecological values.

A True Copy Attest: Peter P. Wass
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