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FM: Town of Townsend Planning Board

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Proposed Amendment Addition to General Bylaws

ARTICLE XX Public Lighting

Section 1: Purpose:

This Bylaw is intended to eliminate glare, minimize light trespass and sky glow, and reduce energy use by specifying a full cutoff design for all Public Lighting in the Town

of Townsend.

Section 2: Definitions:

For the purposes of this Bylaw, terms used shall be defined as follows:

Direct Light: Light emitted directly from the lamp, off of the reflector or reflector diffuser or through the refractor or diffuser lens of a street light.

Fixture: The assembly that houses the light and can include all or some of the following parts: a housing, a mounting bracket or pole socket, a lamp holder, a ballast, a reflector or mirror, or a refractor or lens.

Lamp: The component of a light that produces the actual light.

Public Light: A complete lighting system including a lamp or lamps and a fixture or fixtures designed for the illumination of public ways; public parks; public parking areas; public schools; and schools serving the public; municipal facilities such as Town Hall, Fire, Police and Ambulance; and government institutions that serve the public including but not limited to State Parks and campgrounds.

Section 3: Exemptions:

Specifically exempt from this Bylaw are lights erected within the Historic Districts of Townsend, and so designed as to represent 'antique' or 'old fashioned' period or colonial styles of the 1700's and 1800's.

Section 4: Enactment:

All Public Lighting installed, replaced, or moved after the effective date of this Bylaw shall emit no direct light above a horizontal plane through the lowest direct light emitting part of the fixture.

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