SPRING CITY
ORDINANCE 2026-02

DARK SKY AND EXTERIOR LIGHTING - APPLICABLE TO HISTORIC MAIN STREET DISTRICT

WHEREAS, It is proposed that Spring City adopt a dark sky and exterior lighting ordinance by adding a new Section 6 to Chapter 10-7 of the Spring City Municipal Code

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Spring City, in the State of Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** "10-7-6 DARK SKIES" of the Spring City Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

A D O P T I O N

10-7-6 DARK SKIES*(Added)*

A. Purpose and Intent: It is the intent and purpose of this ordinance to preserve the nighttime character of Spring City, protect views of the night sky, reduce light pollution and ensure that exterior lighting within the City's Historic Main Street District is compatible with that district. Exterior lighting within the Historic Main Street District shall be designed to provide safety and functionality while minimizing glare, light trespass and excessive brightness.
B. Applicablility: This ordinance applies to all new construction, exterior alterations, site improvements and replacement of exterior lighting fixtures within the Historic Main Street District. Existing lighting shall be brought into compliance when replaced or substantially modified.
C. Fixture Requirements: All exterior lighting fixtures within the Historic Main Street District shall be fully shielded and full cutoff, directing light downward only. No such light source shall emit light above the horizontal plane. Fixtures shall be of a design compatible with the historic character of the district and shall not expose LED elements or modern lenses.
D. Light Levels: Exterior lighting within the Historic Main Street District shall be limited to the minimum illumination necessary for safety. Entry lighting shall not exceed 600 lumens per fixture. Wall mounted fixtures shall not exceed 400 lumens. Walkway illumination shall not exceed 3 foot-candles. Light trespass at property lines shall be minimized and shall not exceed 0.0 foot-candles where feasible.
E. Color Temperature: All exterior lighting shall utilize warm-color light sources with a correlated color temperature not exceeding 2700 Kelvin. Lower color temperatures, including 2200 Kelvin, are encouraged to replicate historic lighting conditions.
F. Mounting Height and Placement: Wall mounted fixtures shall be installed below

rooflines and architectural cornices and shall not exceed a mounting height of 10 feet unless otherwise approved. Pole-mounted lighting is prohibited within the Historic Main Street District.

G. Prohibited Lighting: The following lighting types are prohibited within the Historic Main Street District: upward-directed, façade washing, architectural uplighting, unshielded floodlights, and decorative lighting that produces glare or excessive brightness.

H. Landscape and Site Lighting: Landscape lighting within the Historic Main Street District shall be limited to low-level, fully shielded path and step lighting, where necessary for safety. Tree uplighting and decorative ground lighting are prohibited.

I. Operational Controls: Non-essential exterior lighting shall be turned off during late-night hours. Security lighting shall utilize motion sensors and operate at reduced illumination levels.

J. Review and Enforcement: All exterior lighting within the Historic Main Street District is subject to review and approval by the City or Historic Main Street Subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to enforcement as provided by City code.

K. Severability: If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

SECTION 2: **EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the required approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SPRING CITY COUNCIL
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Councilmember Chris Anderson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Marty McCain	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Michael Broadbent	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Courtney Syme	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Laurel Workman	_____	_____	_____	_____

Presiding Officer

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Paul Penrod, Mayor, Spring City

Attest

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Ruth Ann McCain, City Recorder, Spring City