

DILLON BEACH INPUT FOR CONSIDERATION OF DARK SKY ORDINANCE

- A. The Dillon Beach Community has acted to minimize glare, reduce light trespass and reduce nighttime pollution. Several years ago the street lighting in the Village was converted from blue to yellow. In the hillsides the Oceana Marin Association (OMA) Design Rules require exterior lighting permitted for safety and security purposes only, unobtrusive with hooded fixtures and low-wattage bulbs cast in a downward direction. It must be “dark sky” compliant, not intrude in day or night upon the view from neighboring properties or the street, and must be screened to be not visible. OMA contacts violators of the rules.
- B. Our community supports the goals of the Marin County Draft Lighting Ordinance assuming it is not jeopardizing safety, adds consistency to County lighting, and establishes guidelines for homeowners. . In addition to the beach, our night skies are really one of the best aspects of being on the coast. We would like to know more about the details of the proposed ordinance. It is confusing without the details. At first it seems like government overreaching
- C. We would look for common sense ways to accomplish safe communities while maintaining the ability to enjoy our night skies. We have too many houses that are not full time residents and considerable late night foot traffic. We worry about being invisible to cars or being bitten by a wild animal in the dark months. We’ve had vandalism to property, thefts, siphoned gas, etc. Street parking, theft and vandalism are a real concern. Since we have already taken action to protect our night skies, it is way down our list of problems requiring immediate and serious attention. Emergency Medical Services, Climate Change, Water Shortages, Short Term Rentals, Timely Law Enforcement Services are much higher on our list. In the past, the County has demonstrated an amazing lack of will to enforce ordinances like this.