

**Cortney Ingle**

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**To:** Cortney Ingle  
**Subject:** Strengthening and Preserving Lighting Ordinances in Okanogan county

Please help provide for an ordinance allowing overlays that require buildings and other developments to achieve Dark Sky compliance. Light pollution is already affecting our county and as we continue to grow it will get even worse. Winthrop grows about 7 percent a year in light pollution.

The following measures are intended to cover not only towns by areas outside the towns. Control of light pollution now is essential.

Implementation Measures:

(1) This policy will be implemented by Overlay in the Zone Code. Communities can "opt in" to the Overlay by a process to be determined.

(2) In the event that the citizens of the Methow More Completely Planned Area (MVMCPA) choose to pursue International Dark Sky Association recognition for all or part of their District as a Dark Sky Reserve (which if successful could create the largest Dark Sky Reserve in the United States), adoption of the Overlay will facilitate such a desire in those areas that are controlled by the county, and facilitate discussions with appropriate state and federal agencies that manage tracts of land within the district to obtain their consent.

(3) For each town within the MVMCPA that chooses to pursue International Dark Sky Association recognition as a Dark Sky Community, provide a "Zone of Influence" surrounding the community within which the community's local lighting ordinance shall apply.

Thank you for your attention to helping the county achieve dark skies everywhere.

Sincerely,

Leslie Dolan  
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