

RESOLUTION 2016-074  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S INTENT AND GENERAL POLICY  
CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING NIGHT SKY OBJECTIVES

WHEREAS, the City is committed to improving and maintaining its unique sense of place, neighborhood livability, safety, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City is growing and population density is increasing which can bring an increased amount of both residential and commercial exterior lighting; and

WHEREAS, the City and its residents support conservation efforts and the natural environment through programs such as the Road to 2020 and Nature in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to promote a culture, both internally and externally, of innovation, best practice, and socially and environmentally friendly planning and actions; and

WHEREAS, dark sky compliant lighting practices can preserve, protect, and enhance the night sky and can mitigate adverse impacts to human health and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the City supports eliminating glare, reducing light trespass, and minimizing light pollution while conserving energy and resources; and

WHEREAS, the City will lead by example by improving, retrofitting, and pursuing standards where necessary to support night sky protection efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby expresses the intent to consider and encourage the following objectives:

- a. that the City will endorse and incorporate the principles and pursuit of protecting and preserving the night sky through implementation of best lighting practices at City-owned facilities and within City-owned lighting.
- b. that the City will incorporate dark sky policies and standards into Building Codes, Land Use Codes, and Streetscape standards when applicable and appropriate.
- c. that the City will educate and raise awareness publically to encourage best lighting practices throughout the community.

d. that the City will seek to obtain dark sky certification by an independent body for Natural Areas and other locations in the region that have high quality night skies; and that the City will continue to partner and monitor regional night sky measures annually.

e. that the City will pursue night sky protection without compromising health, safety or security.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of September, A.D. 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. G. F. K.", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Mayor" is printed in a serif font.

ATTEST:

W Winkelmann  
City Clerk