

CITY OF MOAB ORDINANCE #2023-14

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE MOAB MUNICIPAL CODE (MMC),
TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS REQUIRED THROUGH THE
INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION AND RESOLVE
OUTSTANDING DISCREPANCIES WITHIN THE EXISTING REGULATIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Moab City Council adopted Ordinance #2019-03, an ordinance enacting sections of the Moab Municipal Code establishing Outdoor Lighting and Sign Illumination Standards and repealed inconsistent lighting provisions, August 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the City undertakes revisions in its zoning ordinances to improve the quality of land development and align the Code with state law and contemporary planning concepts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage outdoor lighting practices that will minimize light pollution, glare, light trespass, and sky glow to curtail the degradation of the night-time visual environment; and

WHEREAS, lighting practices that promote energy conservation are to be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, revisions to existing ordinance are necessary to improve night-time safety and security; and

WHEREAS, lighting practices are an important component for developing and attractive nighttime appearance in the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City that it establish lighting standards, requirements, and processes that are substantially consistent throughout the Moab Municipal Code and substantially with those established by Grand County; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that this ordinance updating the Moab Municipal Code and the approved ordinance #2019-03 is necessary and appropriate for executing clear and consistent development regulations, as well as aligning requirements required through the International Dark Sky Association Certification; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance will update the Moab Municipal Code, sections 17.03.010, 17.09.060 – 17.09.069, 17.93.075; and 17.20.040 C-1, 17.21.040 C-2, 17.24.040 C-3 and 17.27.040 C-4 Special Provisions; and 17.30.040 C-5, 17.31.040 RC, 17.32.040 SAR, 17.35.060 MH/RV, 17.36.070 I-1, 17.42.060 R-1, 17.45.060 R-2, 17.48.060 R-3, 17.51.060 R-4 and 17.54.070 RA-1 Special Provisions; and

WHEREAS, The City of Moab has the authority to adopt this ordinance pursuant to Utah Code Annotated (2010) § 10-3-702, and hereby exercises its legislative powers in doing so.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Moab City Council hereby approve Moab City Ordinance #2023-14, approving amendments to the Moab Municipal Code as follows:

PASSED AND APPROVED in open Council by a majority vote of the Governing Body of Moab

City Council this

14th day of November 2023