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## READING TOWN MEETING INSTRUCTIONAL MOTION FORM

Please print legibly and print exactly as you would like to present the Instructional Motion. This will become part of the permanent record of this Town Meeting and must be submitted to the Town Clerk and Moderator before Town Meeting.

Instructional Motion Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: April 19, 2024

Instruction to: By-Law Committee

I, John Sasso\_of Precinct 2 do hereby move that;

*Request that the By-law committee investigate the addition of an Outdoor Lighting policy (for residence only) to regulate outdoor lighting in the Town of Reading and report back to Town Meeting in November 2024. The intent being to permit an amount of outdoor lighting that is appropriate to allow for the safe use and enjoyment of outdoor areas, while also mitigating light trespass and glare to abutters and the public at large, reducing light pollution, and promoting energy conservation.*

### Background

Over 54 communities in Massachusetts have adopted an Outdoor Lighting policy. Outdoor lighting from any source, shall be dark sky compliant with a continuous white light installed or shielded so as to cast no direct beam on a public way, pedestrian way, or on adjacent property or cause a glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or a nuisance.

To prevent unnecessary sky glow and other glare, all outdoor lighting fixtures shall be shielded from above so as to prevent direct glare from the light source from interfering with the vision of motorists or pedestrians passing in the street or streets abutting the premises and as to prevent direct glare from the light source from lighting neighboring properties, particularly residences.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk:

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_