1155 Red Fox Road | East Stroudsburg | Pennsylvania 18301
Ph: 570-223-5082 | Fax: 570-223-5086
www.smithfieldtownship.com

June 3, 2025

RE: Draft Outdoor Lighting Standards Ordinance Review

Dear Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors,
As requested, I have reviewed the draft lighting ordinance and my comments are below.

1) 32-107 and further 32-107.A. require submission of a "plotted illuminance with a matrix of the calculated foot-candles with measurements ten (10) feet into the neighboring properties…" for nearly all applications for construction. This makes no distinction between commercial and residential; it does not list exemptions based on size or scope of project and it does not exclude projects that aren't introducing any new outdoor lighting. As an example, this would mean that a zoning permit application for an 80 square foot shed is required to submit everything under 32-107.A. through 32-107.J. I believe this may be too onerous.

2) 32-107.B. requires a landscaping plan for all applications listed under 32-107. Again, this may be too onerous for smaller residential projects.

3) 32-110. Requires all LCOs to be trained by an "already designated LCO". Since there currently are none, training and certification of a new LCO is theoretically impossible.

4) 32-111.B.(1) last line uses the word "infarction" but should read "infraction".

Sincerely,

Matthew Helbers
Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer