



# AGC MAINE

THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

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Senator Brenner, Senate Chair  
Representative Gramlich, House Chair  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: AGC Maine's Comments on 1845 "An Act to Regulate Outdoor Lighting"

Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich, and Distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources my name is Matt Marks, I am a Principal and Cornerstone Government Affairs and sending this letter on behalf of my client AGC Maine.

AGC Maine is a statewide commercial construction industry association representing contractors, suppliers, and service providers. The association consists of companies' signatory to unions, open shops, ESOPs, and small businesses.

AGC Maine recommends the decision for lighting policies are left for municipalities to consider. Local government can determine what areas could benefit from additional lighting for safety or security reasons. Many areas have already adopted policies including the following:

- Searsport  
[https://searsport.maine.gov/vertical/sites/%7B109E833E-7C03-47C1-9A66-DB12796F6D6C%7D/uploads/lighting\\_ord\\_2022\(1\).pdf](https://searsport.maine.gov/vertical/sites/%7B109E833E-7C03-47C1-9A66-DB12796F6D6C%7D/uploads/lighting_ord_2022(1).pdf)
- South Portland  
[https://www.southportland.org/files/8515/7927/2011/Streetlighting\\_policy\\_1-14-20.pdf](https://www.southportland.org/files/8515/7927/2011/Streetlighting_policy_1-14-20.pdf)
- Portland  
[https://www.portland.gov/policies/transportation/street-lighting/trn-401-street-lighting-standards#:~:text=The%20adopted%20Street%20Lighting%20Standards,\(maximum%20to%20minimum%20footcandles\).](https://www.portland.gov/policies/transportation/street-lighting/trn-401-street-lighting-standards#:~:text=The%20adopted%20Street%20Lighting%20Standards,(maximum%20to%20minimum%20footcandles).)
- York  
<https://www.yorkmaine.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/572?fileID=3865>
- Ellsworth  
[https://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/ord45\\_Street\\_Lights.pdf](https://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/ord45_Street_Lights.pdf)

- Kennebunk  
<https://www.kennebunkmaine.us/DocumentCenter/View/6926/Street-Light-Application-Form--Policy?bidId=>
- Lewiston  
<http://www.ci.lewiston.me.us/DocumentCenter/View/549/082-StreetLightingPolicy?bidId=>
- Bar Harbor  
<https://www.barharmoraine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/40/Street-Light-Policy>

While it appears, some exceptions are added to the bill, there could be other facilities associated with night operations that should be considered including hospitals, education facilities, public safety, parking lots, manufacturing that should be provided an easy process to be considered exempt. That's why we consider this issue better managed by municipalities.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer our opinion, and we are happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,

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