



STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COMAL §

Resolution 2010-61

REGARDING LIGHT POLLUTION RESULTING FROM OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

WHEREAS, There is an increasing amount of light pollution in Comal County skies; and
WHEREAS, Some governmental agencies, such as Tucson, Arizona, and more than 20 in Texas have passed ordinances controlling outdoor lighting; and
WHEREAS, The National Geographic has estimated that one fifth of the world's population can no longer see the Milky Way; and
WHEREAS, The National Park Service predicts that at the current rate of light pollution there will be no dark skies in the U.S. by the year 2030; and
WHEREAS, Technology exists to light outdoor advertising from above in a way that does not diminish the message and does not contribute to light pollution; and
WHEREAS, In the Hill Country some houses are higher than the nearby lighted outdoor advertising, which results in lights shining into houses; and
WHEREAS, County governments do not currently have authority to regulate the light pollution created by outdoor advertising and affecting landowners within the county.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioners Court of Comal County request that the Texas Transportation Commission adopt rules which require all outdoor advertising it controls to have all lights directed downward to prevent further light pollution.

PASSED and APPROVED this 21st December, 2010.



Danny Scheel, County Judge



Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1



Jay Milikin, Commissioner Pct. 2



Gregory Parker, Commissioner Pct. 3



Jan Kennedy, Commissioner Pct. 4


Attest 

Joy Streater, County Clerk