

**Section 6.05.03 of the Land Development Code** provides that “it is the purpose of this article to protect the threatened and endangered sea turtles which nest along the beaches of Flagler County, Florida, and to encourage sea turtle nesting on Flagler County beaches by minimizing the artificial light on the beaches.” The use of dimming artificial lights alone does not show compliance with this code section.



**LDC Section 6.05.05.** - Lighting standards for future development provides at **(a)(2)** “Lights shall not directly or indirectly illuminate the beach during the sea turtle nesting season.” It will be impossible for a two tower hotel this large sitting directly overlooking the beach with 198 rooms full of guests and patrons in its oceanfront restaurants to avoid “directly or indirectly illuminating the beach” during nesting season unless the hotel closes from May 1 through October 31 which is the LDC Section 6.05.01 nesting season.



**Under LDC Section 6.05.01. – Definitions...** *“Directly illuminating”* means “illuminated as a result of the glowing element(s), lamp(s), globe(s), or reflector(s) of an artificial light source which is visible to a person who is in a standing position on the beach.” There is no serious doubt that the lights from a two tower, four story, 198 room hotel with restaurants located on the beach will create light that is “visible to a person who is in a standing position on the beach.”



**You cannot vote to approve this hotel proposal unless you honestly believe you will be able to stand on the beach in front of this hotel at night and not see any lights from the hotel. **LDC Sections 6.05.01, 6.05.03 and 6.05.05.****



Moreover, “human use of nesting beaches can result in negative impacts to nesting turtles, incubating egg clutches and hatchlings. The most serious threat caused by increased human presence on the beach is the disturbance to nesting females. Night-time human activity, such as lights or hotel guests roaming the beach, can prevent sea turtles from emerging on the beach or even cause females to stop nesting and return to the ocean and abort their eggs. See, Sea Turtle Conservancy Report at [http://www.conserveturtles.org/seaturtleinformation.php?page=beach\\_activities](http://www.conserveturtles.org/seaturtleinformation.php?page=beach_activities)



**“Beach Furniture and other recreational equipment (e.g., cabanas, umbrellas, hobie cats, canoes, small boats and beach cycles) can reduce nesting success and increase false crawls on nesting beaches. There is also increasing documentation of nesting females becoming entrapped in beach furniture” as shown here. See, Sea Turtle Conservancy Report at [http://www.conserveturtles.org/seaturtleinformation.php?page=beach\\_activities](http://www.conserveturtles.org/seaturtleinformation.php?page=beach_activities)**



**SAVE THE HAMMOCK AND OUR SEA TURTLES.  
THANK YOU.**

