

► **COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

Easing light pollution on agenda

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Comal County commissioners will consider a resolution restricting light pollution from outdoor advertising when it meets at 8:15 a.m. today.

Commissioners typically meet on Thursdays, but are meeting on Tuesday this week due to the Christmas holiday.

Last week, Star Carey of Canyon Lake asked commissioners to pass a resolution asking state regulators to adopt a rule mandating that lights on new outdoor advertising be directed downward rather than toward the sky.



Carey

Carey said billboard lights now shine into homes at night and cause other problems, including restricting views of the stars.

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Comal County Commissioners' Court

When: 8:15 a.m.,

Tuesday

Where:

Commissioners' Courtroom, 199 Main Plaza

A suggested resolution submitted to commissioners by

Carey states that National Geographic has estimated that one-fifth of the world's population can no longer see the Milky Way due to light pollution.

Carey said he's also heard that lights shining into the skies at night might impact migratory bird patterns.

A "dark sky zone" already exists in Comal County. In 2008, commissioners established it to protect the U.S. Army's Camp Bullis in far western Comal County, where night-sky light pollution from commercial development was causing problems with military medical training using night-vision