

STREET LIGHTING POLICY

Purpose:

It shall be the purpose of this policy to provide for a rational basis for the location, types, and methods of installing and financing of municipal street lighting within the City.

General:

Two distinct classifications of street lighting within the City are acknowledged. Priority street lighting shall consist of street lights placed at key intersections and locations within the City. The chief benefit from this class of lighting is to improve safety at higher volume intersections and on high speed roadways. Because of the general nature of the benefit from this type of lighting it shall be financed through revenue derived from the general fund and a citywide street lighting utility.

Subdivision lighting is the second classification of street lighting. The increased benefit from this continuous type of lighting includes greater pedestrian safety and increased crime deterrent. These benefits occur chiefly to residents of subdivisions and neighborhoods, who should be involved in the decision to provide such street lighting and the financing of the system.

Priority Street Lighting:

Eligibility for priority street lighting shall include the intersection of city streets with state trunk highways, county roads, and city arterial and collector streets. In addition priority lighting eligibility shall also be considered where one or more factors may establish a basis for street lighting that will benefit the general public. These factors shall include:

- High frequency of nighttime accidents
- Marked pedestrian crossings
- Locations used by a high number of pedestrians near parks and schools
- Selected intersections on neighborhood collector streets where traffic volumes are significantly higher than on adjacent residential streets.
- Within the Ramsey Town Center.

Priority Street lighting shall consist of wood or fiberglass standards equipped with 150 watt high pressure sodium lamps and cobra head luminaires fitted with flat glass lens. Other technical specifications shall be determined by the Director of Public Works.

Subdivision Street Lighting:

This type of street lighting shall consist of continuous lighting provided at 200 to 300 foot intervals throughout a subdivision or neighborhood. The light standard shall be a fiberglass with a traditional style fixture equipped with a 150 watt full cutoff luminaire. Alternative styles may be installed with the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Various subdivision street lighting rates may be utilized to reflect the cost of providing the cost of operating and maintaining the subdivision street lights depending upon the densities of neighborhoods being served by subdivision street lights.

Areas without subdivision street lighting may request the installation of such street lighting through the following process. A petition shall be submitted to the City along with a map identifying the area requesting subdivision street lighting service. This petition shall be signed by a minimum of 35% of the property owners within the district of the petitioning area. The area of the petition request shall be reviewed by the Public Works Committee which shall approve or reject the reasonableness of the area to be considered for subdivision street light installation. Following approval of the petition area and certification of the required signatures on the petition, the City Council shall direct a feasibility study to be prepared and the installation of subdivision street lights shall be considered following the process outlined under the regulations of Chapter 4 of City Code and State Statutes 429 which regulate special assessment public improvement projects.