

**RESOLUTION NO. 108**  
**CITY OF LAKESITE STREET POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Lakesite is desirous and in need of having a standard policy for street light requests, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Lakesite Street Lighting Standards have been developed for use by the Lakesite Public Works Department (PWD) to assist the city with their street lighting installations on the EPB Electric System, and

**WHEREAS**, The City has determined that all the designs and requests for street lighting must be submitted in writing to the Lakesite PWD and must be approved by the Lakesite PWD prior to any construction, and

**WHEREAS**, Requests for services will be denied until appropriate documentation of the lighting system is submitted, approved, and finalized by the Lakesite PWD.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Commission of the City of Lakesite, Tennessee that the following Street Light Policy attached as Exhibit A hereto is hereby adopted, effective this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

/s/ David Howell  
Mayor

/s/ Jodi P. LaCroix  
City Recorder

## CITY OF LAKESITE STREET LIGHT POLICY

Please read and become familiar with these standards before beginning your project. You should follow these standards, as well as any drawings you are given for a specific project.

These guidelines have been provided for the installation of adequate illumination along the streets and highways of the City of Lakesite in order to aid in the safe and orderly movement of traffic and pedestrians. The intent of this policy is to provide for streetlights to be installed in accordance with the wishes of those residing on particular streets within the city. However, public safety must be given the highest priority when determining whether a streetlight is appropriate or not for a particular location. Streetlights are installed primarily to light the streets and highways with any secondary benefits being solely coincidental. All street lighting placed upon the public rights of way of the City of Lakesite shall be approved by the Lakesite PWD, and shall be constructed of materials and equipment meeting the standards and specifications of EPB Electric System.

All street lighting placed on the state rights of way as identified by the Lakesite PWD and lighting placed upon roadways within the limits of the Central Business Core as identified by the Lakesite PWD shall meet the requirements and recommendations of AASHTO (American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials).

All street lighting placed upon city streets not covered by the above shall meet the following requirements:

- a. All lights shall be approved by Lakesite Public Works.
- b. All lighting equipment and installation of same shall meet the standards and specifications of EPB (Electric Power Board).
- c. Lights shall be placed at each intersection.
- d. Lights shall be placed within each cul-de-sac.
- e. No light shall incorporate more than a 150 Watt bulb.

## **SCOPE**

This policy covers all street lighting installed on public streets and rights-of-way in the City of Lakesite.

## **TYPE OF LIGHTING**

All lighting and light fixtures shall be in compliance with the City of Lakesite zoning ordinance and other regulations, unless the city determines that public safety cannot be served by strict compliance with these regulations. At present, this requires that all light fixtures be dark sky compliant.

## **DEVELOPER PROJECTS**

Developers are required, at their cost, to install street lighting with all new construction. Where new subdivision streets intersect adjacent existing roadways, adequate street lighting shall be provided to properly illuminate the intersection. In the case of an intersection with a major roadway, the lighting shall be sufficient to illuminate the approaches and associated transitions. All new developments within the City of Lakesite in which the developer chooses to provide street lighting shall meet the above requirements and all initial installation costs shall be the responsibility of the developer and/or neighborhood association.

All development within the City of Lakesite in which the developer chooses not to provide street lighting shall include sufficient street lighting infrastructure as part of the underground electrical system. Said infrastructure shall consist of infrastructure required to facilitate future addition of street lighting to adhere to above Street Lighting Policy and as determined and approved by the City of Lakesite and EPB Electric System, and shall be at the expense of the developer.

## **FUNDING (EXISTING DEVELOPMENT)**

The city will pay for the installation of an approved streetlight meeting streetlight criteria for public safety purposes provided installation money is available. The city will also pay for the monthly electric charges. However, a streetlight will only be installed for public safety purposes if it is determined that reflecting roadway markers, lines, warnings, informational signs, or other passive means cannot achieve the desired safety outcome.

If the light meets streetlight criteria, but there is no public safety need, then the applicant may pay the installation charges associated with the light and the city will take over the monthly electric charge. This money must be paid prior to authorization of the light installation and is non-refundable, unless EPB determines that light cannot be installed at desired location.

### **CITIZEN REQUEST**

Citizens' requests will be evaluated upon completion and submission of a completed streetlight request. All lighting requests are studied to determine if a public safety need exists. The proposed lighting must meet the test of public safety need, rather than private need. Public safety need is not met simply by the light not violating streetlight standards, rather it must materially increase the public safety of motorists, pedestrians, and/or cyclists.

If the street lighting request is determined necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public traveling on public streets, the approved lights and/or other traffic hazard mitigation efforts or measures will be installed.

Should funding be at issue, priorities will be given to:

- a. Locations proven to be a traffic hazard,
- b. Intersections,
- c. Severe changes of roadway grade

Traffic hazards shall be characterized by accident history in area, high traffic volume, high pedestrian volume, sight distance, or other traffic hazards that street lighting will remedy.

### **LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS**

The number, type, and location of streetlights to be installed shall be determined by the City of Lakesite.

## **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

Request for streetlight installations must include a completed streetlight request form. Upon receipt of said form, the city manager will review the location for compliance with the criteria for installation and to determine if sufficient infrastructure (pole, transformer, wiring, etc.) currently exists to install a streetlight. This may also include the city engineer and/or an EPB representative in assessing the criteria.

Recommendations of approval or denial will be made by the engineering division, and final approval will be made by the City Manager.

In the event that a request is denied due to the fact that a public hazard does not exist but that the light does not violate street lighting standards, a resident may initiate the applicant pay procedure. If denied, the applicant can have a light installed on their property and at their cost (i.e., security light).

## **DECORATIVE LIGHT FIXTURES AND POLES**

Decorative lighting will not be approved for single locations within the City of Lakesite. However, developers, homeowner's association, or neighborhood groups may submit a request for decorative lighting in their neighborhood. The applicant group will be responsible for the installation and materials cost associated with the lighting. The developer, homeowners association or neighborhood group will be responsible for energy costs associated with the converted and/or new lighting fixtures.

Light fixtures and poles must be chosen from the approved list maintained by EPB, and that comply with Lakesite lighting regulations.

# Street Lighting Request Form

Request Taken By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of requester: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (S) Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a Pole at the Requested Location? Y: \_\_\_\_\_ N: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is the Pole number? : \_\_\_\_\_

If not, nearest street address where the light would like to be placed.

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Reason Why the Street Light should be installed?

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