

## **CITY OF HURST STREET LIGHT POLICY & PROCEDURE**

The City of Hurst receives numerous requests regarding the installation of streetlights. The primary purpose of streetlights is to provide drivers with quick, accurate, and comfortable visibility at night. A major cause of accidents at night is poor visibility. Street lights aid in reducing these accidents and facilitating the traffic flow.

Citizens should realize that streetlights are provided for traffic safety, not property security. It is true that streetlights do provide some amount of security in residential areas. This, however, is not their primary intent and they are never installed for security reasons alone.

The following is provided to explain the City's policy and procedure on street light installation and the criteria required to warrant the installation of a street light.

### **STREET LIGHT COSTS**

The City of Hurst pays approximately \$297,395 annually for streetlight operations. This cost does not include new streetlight installation or existing street light upgrading. Typically, the installation cost of a new residential streetlight can be up to several thousand dollars per streetlight depending on the location and type of construction associated with the installation (i.e. existing power). The annual maintenance cost is approximately \$182 per streetlight. The cost for installing and maintaining a new streetlight will be paid for by the City of Hurst. [The residents can request the installation of upgraded streetlights. The City of Hurst requires that the installation cost for the upgraded streetlights to be paid for by the residents.](#)

### **STREET LIGHT POLICY**

It is the intent of the City of Hurst that the developer installs and funds all streetlights needed in a subdivision or commercial area at the time of electric utility facilities.

In accordance with the Municipal Code of the City of Hurst, Texas, Section 21-9. paragraph (c), sub-section (2), street lights are required in streets smaller than minor arterials:

- Every six hundred (600) feet on one side of the street
- At each street intersection.
- At ends of the cul-de-sac.

### **STREET LIGHT REQUEST**

Request for street lighting where no lighting already exists will first be evaluated for the need to install a light system on the roadway or development, in accordance with the Municipal Code of the City of Hurst. Installation of a single independent light will only be approved on a case by case basis after completion of an evaluation for validating a lighting problem.

It is the responsibility of the individual making the street light request to complete the attached Street Light Request Form and to ensure that the request contains the following information:

- Requestor's **name, address, telephone number,** and **reason** for requesting the street light installation;
- **Exact location** (street address) of the requested street light (e.g., pole between 628 & 632 Elm Street);
- **Pole number** for the adjacent existing street lights;
- **Drawing** (on a separate sheet) showing the location of the requested street light, street width, and distance of the existing street light(s) to the requested street light;
- **Petition** with the names, addresses, phone numbers, and signatures of residents on both sides of the street within 200 feet of the proposed street light, whether in support or opposed to the installation of the street light; **Important: The petition must indicate at least a 75% majority of residents support the requested installation of the street light. The property owners shall provide the necessary utility easements for electrical service to the light at no cost to the City of Hurst.**

Upon approval of the installation of the streetlight by the City Engineer and/or the Public Works Director, the City will request necessary easement at no cost to be provided to the appropriate electric company for the purpose of installing the streetlight.

#### STREET LIGHT EVALUATION

The intent of this policy is to evaluate all requests as to the need for lighting of streets within the City of Hurst to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. All street lighting installations shall be in accordance with the design criteria as described in the Municipal Code of the City of Hurst, Texas as referenced above. Any exception to the design criteria will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

All approved streetlights will be installed subject to the availability of the City funds.

#### STREET LIGHT INFORMATION

For more information about street lighting, contact the City of Hurst Public Works Department, Engineering Division at 817-788-7076.

To report a street light outage, contact TXU/ONCOR at 817-7313-4747 or logon to <http://www.oncorgroup.com/community/streetlights/>