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City of Clyde Hill Street Light Policy

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There are many streetlights located throughout the City. The lights were installed to illuminate intersections and other portions of road requiring additional light for traffic safety purposes. If you are interested in having a new light installed near your home the City has adopted the following policy guidelines for such a request.

The City is billed monthly for the energy related to all streetlights. The energy cost for a typical streetlight is about \$120 a year...every year. The City is also billed for the cost to install a streetlight. The actual cost depends on the type of pole/light and the distance of the light from the nearest electrical transformer. A general cost range for a new light/pole installation can cost about \$500 to \$5,000.

Lights on Existing Poles:

Where there are existing poles and overhead utilities, a new streetlight can be placed on an existing pole with expenses on the lower end of the cost range. The City would be responsible for the on-going energy costs. If a neighborhood is interested in installing a light like this, the City is willing to coordinate the installation and pay for the monthly energy bill if it receives a letter signed by all the residents in the area who would be immediately affected by a new light. This can be a simple request letter; specifying the location of the light and noting that all the undersigned are in agreement that this light should be installed. At a minimum, all residents living in homes adjacent to the new light's location, across from the location and one home next to these homes would need to sign the request. This assures the City that the entire affected neighborhood agrees with the location and the need for the light. This letter should also clearly note that the neighborhood is willing to pay for the cost to install this new light.

New Poles & New Lights:

For requests where there is not an existing utility pole to locate a new light, the expense to install a new pole, fixture and connecting wiring will be more on the upper end of the cost range. The City does not budget for new lights so if requested, the neighborhood will be required to pay for the new pole, new light and installation costs. The City would be responsible for the construction coordination and the on-going energy costs. These requests are looked at on a case-by-case basis after the City receives a letter signed by all the residents in the area who would be immediately affected by the new light. At a minimum, all residents living in homes adjacent to the new light's location, across from the location and one home next to these homes would need to sign the request. This assures the City that the entire affected neighborhood agrees with the location and the need for the light. This letter should also note that the neighborhood is willing to pay for the cost to purchase and install this new light and pole.