

**ORDINANCE NO: 41****AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF NEW STREET LIGHT INSTALLATIONS**

The Town Board of the Town of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, pursuant to § 60.22 and § 61.34 Wisconsin Statutes does ordain as follows with regard to its Town Ordinances:

**41.1 Purpose**

The purpose of street lights in the Town is to provide for traffic and pedestrian safety along public ways. The major objective is to reduce motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents by illuminating hazards. Street lights shall also be used to illuminate Town-owned property for security and safety purposes.

**41.2 Policies other than State and County Trunk Highways**

New street light installations on other than state and county trunk highways and 40-line through roads will be installed only upon proper petition by a majority of property owners in the affected subdivision or area. Cost of such installations may be levied through special assessments placed upon properties in the affected subdivision or area. The percentage of the cost, if any, to be borne by the Town, will be established at the discretion of the Board.

- A. In accordance with Ordinance 51.4, prior to final approval of a plat for a new subdivision, the Subdivider or his/her successors in interest, shall cause street lights deemed required public improvements, to be installed, subject to Town Board approval, at the intersection of the subdivision entrance and arterial street. The Subdivider shall be responsible for all costs associated with street light installations under this Subsection. The installations in new subdivisions shall be made at the time the street is opened and should be coordinated with the installation of electric service.
- B. The Town Board, at its discretion, or upon petition by property owners, may assume a portion of the cost of street lights along other than state and county trunk highways and 40-line through roads ONLY for compelling reasons such as severe traffic or other safety hazards.

**41.3 Policies on State and County Trunk Highways**

New street light installations on state and county trunk highways and 40-line through roads will be installed at locations determined by the Town Board, at its discretion, as deemed necessary for motor vehicle and pedestrian safety. The Town Board may request assistance from Wood County for costs of such installations.

**41.4 Monthly Charges**

Monthly operating charges of existing street lights shall be fully paid by the Town.

**41.5 Procedures**

To allow an orderly review of priorities and budgeting, the following shall apply, except in emergency situations:

- A. Requests for street light installations to be considered by the Town Board shall be submitted in writing, identifying the public way and a pole (if existing) on which the requested street light would be installed and a description of the situation determining

the need for a street light.

- B. Upon receipt of a request for street light installation, the Town will notify property owners within a 500-foot radius of the proposed location of the requested street light installation and the meeting in which it will be considered.
- C. The Town Board, based upon the criteria in 41.2 or 41.3 shall be responsible for assessment of reasons for appropriateness of lighting installations. Petitions, changes in lighting costs, light pollution/spillover, traffic accidents and patterns, budget considerations, public comments received, and other pertinent factors will be among those considered in determining appropriateness of lighting installations.

**41.6 Street Light Standards**

- A. Light type and wattage of all new installations and replacements of existing lights shall be as recommended by the electric company (Utility) servicing the same.
- B. In commercial areas, the Town Board, if it deems necessary, may specify ornamental metal light poles and fixtures.
- C. Lamp and fixture characteristics shall be maintained by the Utility.

**This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.**

**HISTORY**

<b>Declaration/Ordinance/Resolution No</b>	<b>Dated</b>
<b>RESOLUTION NO:</b>	10-August-1999
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