

CHAPTER 45
REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a policy and process for street lights installed and removed by the City of Ellsworth. This ordinance also establishes a policy and process for acceptance of a streetlight installed by an entity other than the City of Ellsworth

SECTION 2. STREET LIGHT POLICY

The purpose of street lights owned and/or rented by the City of Ellsworth 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 city-owned property for security and safety purposes.

SECTION 3. STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

The City of Ellsworth shall have a Street Light Committee to provide a method of determination for the installation or removal of streetlights and to assume responsibility of an existing streetlight.

- a. The Committee shall consist of the City Manager, two City Council members as appointed by the Council Chairman, two citizens of Ellsworth who represent the general public, and the Chief of Police.
- b. The Committee shall have the authority to consider and recommend action by the City Council on the need for removal and/or installation of street lights on the public ways of the City of Ellsworth. The Committee shall also have the authority to consider and recommend action on a request for the City to assume responsibility of an existing street light.
- c. The Committee shall make its decisions upon findings of fact by a majority of the Committee.
- d. Upon decision of the Committee, a recommendation shall be forwarded to the City Council for its action.

SECTION 4. PROCEDURE FOR STREETLIGHT CHANGES

- a. Any citizen of the City of Ellsworth may request the installation or removal of a street light. Additionally, a citizen may request the City assume financial responsibility of an existing street light.

1. The request for a street light change shall include the following information:
 - an application provided by the City and completed by the petitioner;
 - an identification of the public way and the pole on which the requested street light would be installed;
 - a description of the situation demonstrating the need for a street light;
 - proof of notification of immediate abutters and property owners within a 500 foot radius of the streetlight.
- b. Upon receipt of the application, the Street Light Committee shall review the information to evaluate conformance to the purpose and criteria of this ordinance.
- c. The Committee shall make its decision and a recommendation shall be forwarded to the City Council for action.
- d. Upon notification of the Committee, the City Council shall hold a public hearing and by Council Order, act on the request.

SECTION 5. INSTALLATION, ASSUMPTION OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND REMOVAL

- a. The City of Ellsworth may install, pay for, or assume financial responsibility for street lights in the following instances:
 - 1) lighting the intersection of a public way;
 - 2) bad curves or other serious road hazards where increased illuminations would ease the traffic hazard;
 - 3) lighting of areas with heavy evening pedestrian traffic.
- b. The City of Ellsworth shall not install, pay for, or assume financial responsibility for street lights in the following instances:
 - 1) Security of Private Property:
Illuminating private property (commercial, industrial, and residential) for security purposes is at variance with City policy.

2) Entrance to Private Drives:

Illuminating private driveways, business entrances, and entrances to private ways is not in accordance with City policy.

3) Private Ways:

City-installed street lights shall not be located on private ways, camp roads, or private driveways.

c. The City of Ellsworth shall only install or pay for a street light on an existing pole owned by the municipality or a public utility and which is located within a public right-of-way.

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