



Village of Downers Grove

Official Village Policy Approved by Village Council

Description:	Street Lighting, Installation of		
Res. or Ord. #:	Res. 95-35	Effective Date:	7/17/95
Category:	Engineering and Public Works		
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	Description of Previous Policy (if different from above): _____		

RESOLUTION NO. 95-35

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING IN THE VILLAGE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, (the "Village") has heretofore determined that street lighting systems are desirable public improvements in residential, commercial and industrial developments in the Village and has ordained their installation in subdivisions and planned developments pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code, and Section 10 of Article VII of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, street lighting systems do not exist in all areas of the Village; having been generally required in new developments only since 1969; and

WHEREAS, areas developed prior to 1969 have no street lighting systems or have intersection lighting mounted on utility poles, and certain areas developed after 1969 were approved for development with specific waivers of the requirement to install street lighting; and

WHEREAS, studies conducted by the Village indicate that street lighting, particularly at intersections, improves visibility and contributes to traffic safety, and potentially deters criminal activity in residential areas; and

WHEREAS, after development, installation of street lighting in areas having underground utilities is best accomplished through an installation of a complete system at one time; and,

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1987, the Village Council adopted Resolution 87-40 entitled "A Resolution Establishing Certain Policies of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove Relating to the Installation of Street Lighting in the Village."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the policy of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove contained in Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code, and Section 10 of Article VII of the Zoning Ordinance, is to require installation of street lighting systems as part of the public improvements to be completed by the developer of a new subdivision or planned development.

2. That in areas where electric utility service is provided from above-ground distribution facilities, the Village Council may, upon consideration of a recommendation from the Plan Commission, permit erection of luminaries mounted on utility poles in fulfillment of the general policy expressed in paragraph 1 hereof.

3. That the Village may, upon request of a Village resident or on its own initiative, request the franchised electric utility to install intersection lighting, or additional street lighting, mounted upon utility poles in locations where utilities are above-ground and where no such lighting exists. Costs of maintaining such lighting shall be borne by the Village.

4. That in areas having underground utilities and no street lighting, the Village may consider capital projects to install street lighting systems to be financed through a special service area in the manner provided by law.

In such cases, it shall be the policy of the Village Council to levy taxes within the Special Service Area in an amount sufficient to recover the total construction cost of the project, less the cost of lighting standards and luminaries located at street intersections, such cost to be borne by the Village. The project design shall meet the design specifications applied to new subdivisions and planned developments in the Village.

5. This policy is not intended nor shall it impose or create any liability or obligation on the Village to install any streetlight, undertake any maintenance, or take any action whatsoever related to street lighting. No liability shall be imposed on the Village, its officers, agents or employees, as a result of the existence of this policy, or any actions taken or inactions taken with respect to this policy. It is further expressly acknowledged that any installations or activities undertaken by the Village in relation to this policy shall be within budgetary limitations as may from time to time be set by the Village Council. The validity of any action otherwise taken by the Council in accordance with applicable law shall not be invalidated, impaired, or otherwise affected by noncompliance with any part of the policy set forth herein. It is expressly understood that this policy is a general guideline and shall not place any mandatory obligations upon the Village, its officers, agents or employees.

6. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, and in particular Resolution 87-40, are hereby repealed.

7. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Betty M. Cheever, Mayor

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Attest: Barbara Waldner, Village Clerk