



## Town of Huntersville Residential Street Light Policy

### *Neighborhood Lighting*

All neighborhood streets that are maintained by Town of Huntersville or NCDOT are eligible to be considered for Town street light acceptance. Upon acceptance of the street lights, the Town will be responsible solely for the funding paid to the energy provider for the power supplied to the street lights. The Town is not responsible for the repair or installation of the accepted street lights. Town residents must submit requests for Town street lighting acceptance. Street lights will be installed or accepted as funds are available after fixture “buy down” has been met with the energy provider.

### *Adding New Street Lights*

If street lights need to be installed, the resident or HOA must first contact the energy provider in order to determine if lighting can be installed in the requested areas. If so, a lighting plan must be produced by the energy provider. If an HOA is not established, the lighting plan must be petitioned and approved by at least 75% of the residents within the neighborhood. (Only one signature per household is required). The lighting plan must be approved by Town staff and lighting installed before the Town can be petitioned to accept the street lighting. The Town of Huntersville may also authorize the installation of lights to be funded by the Town on residential streets with or without a request from residents.

### *Accepting Existing Street Lights*

Subdivision developers are responsible for submitting street light installation plans and funding the installation of street lights for new subdivisions in accordance with the Huntersville Subdivision Ordinance. When streets have been completed and accepted by the Town of Huntersville for maintenance and “buy down” of the fixtures has been met, the lights for residential developments can then be petitioned by the resident or HOA for Town acceptance.

### *Request Procedure*

Street lights are accepted and installed on a chronological basis and the Town will only accept new lights in July of each year *IF* funds are available. To be considered for acceptance, the application must be submitted no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. The formal request for street light acceptance can be found on the Town website. Upon receipt of the formal request, approved lighting plan, and demonstration that “buy down” has been met, the Town will record and log each request at the time of submission to the Director of Public Works.

After the request has been logged, a financial spreadsheet estimating the cost of the project shall be completed by the Director of Public Works, or designated official. Once reviewed by the Town Staff, the contact person listed on the request will be notified of any action regarding the request.

### *Decorative Lighting*

As an option, neighborhoods or HOA's may request decorative light fixtures. The Town only pays for light service equivalent to the cost of a standard fixture installation plus the service charge to provide lighting. Any cost differential from the amount charged to the Town for a standard fixture and a decorative fixture must be paid to the energy provider, by the requestor, as a one-time-only "buy down" charge, prior to authorization. This "buy down" charge applies to requests for new decorative street lights and requests to take over funding for existing decorative street lights.

### *Installation Standards*

Standard streetlight installations will be on wooden poles with overhead wiring.

Intersections should get special attention when planning street light locations. If possible, street lights will be installed on the sidewalk side of the street.

The location of an individual light must be consistent with any overall lighting plans for the street. If there is any problem with the location requested, the applicant will be contacted to select an alternate location.

The type of lights installed on a street or in a development should be consistent, unless approved by the Director of Public Works.

New poles will be located in public right of way in a manner so as not to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

The Town of Huntersville will determine final placement, size and type of lighting.