



MID-BLOCK STREETLIGHTS GUIDELINES

Standard City practice for the evaluation process and criteria for additional mid-block streetlights are as follows:

- (1) Traffic Engineering Division personnel check and measure the distances between the existing streetlights to determine if they were installed according to the original street lighting plan and conform to City guidelines. The City considers placing additional streetlights if the distance between existing streetlights exceeds 1,000 feet or if there is a significant change in roadway geometry.

- (2) If neither of the criteria is satisfied, the resident is sent a rejection letter that includes the reasons for the rejection and the following information because nearly all residents request streetlights for security lighting:

Streetlights are installed in subdivisions for the purpose of illuminating streets for traffic safety; they are not installed for the purpose of illuminating private property for security. A possible alternative would be for you to contact an electrical contractor that installs guard lights. ONCOR (1-888-313-6862) will furnish electricity to the installed guard light; however, they no longer install guard lights in residential areas.

- (3) If the request meets either criterion, the requester is mailed the "Mid-Block Street Lighting Notification and Acceptance Form" that must be completed and returned prior to the City contacting ONCOR to request the installation of the proposed streetlight. All property owners (usually 4) within a distance of 60 feet must agree to the installation by signing the form. In addition, since this request is citizen generated, it is the citizen's responsibility to secure the required signatures. Finally, if an easement is required, a representative of ONCOR contacts the resident.
- (4) After the City sends the completed form to ONCOR, we are pretty much out of it. The number of people who actually follow through with ONCOR's requirements is small. ONCOR sometimes requests the homeowners to replat their property to grant them a utility easement (5 feet on each side of the joint-resident's property) and to remove any vegetation in this easement. This is usually the deal breaker. Another deal breaker is that the street light will be placed to most enhance traffic safety, which usually means that it will not be placed next or even close to the requester's property. Again, because the resident is actually requesting a security light for their property, they stop the process from going forward from this point.



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2. City will contact Oncor for placement and design of streetlight and utility easement. (Describe utility easement and existing power pole requirements.)
3. When Oncor provides a location for the streetlight to be installed, the City will provide to the requester the "Mid-Block Street Lighting Notification and Acceptance Form" that must be completed and returned prior to the City contacting ONCOR to request the installation of the proposed streetlight. All property owners (usually 4) within a distance of 60 feet must agree to the installation by signing the form. In addition, since this request is citizen generated, it is the citizen's responsibility to secure the required signatures. Finally, if an easement is required (usually), a representative of ONCOR contacts the resident.
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