

<b>BOARD POLICY</b>	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Public Streetlight Installation and Service</b>
<b>POLICY NUMBER</b>	<b>BP94-09</b>
<b>ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>October 20, 1994</b>
<b>REVISION DATE</b>	<b>October 15, 2019 (R19-111)</b>
<b>HISTORICAL REFERENCE</b>	<b>R82-226(R); R94-68; R94-200; R99-171 (September 22, 1999); September 4, 2001 (R01-162); October 21, 2008 (R08-125); November 20, 2018 (R18-108);</b>

Purpose: To regulate the installation, maintenance, and operation of streetlights qualifying for the York County Public Streetlight Program.

Procedure:

1. Administration of the Public Streetlight Program: The County Administrator or designee is responsible for the administration of the Public Streetlight Program for York County.
2. Streetlight Standards: To qualify for inclusion in the York County Public Streetlight Program, streetlights shall be approved by the County Administrator or designee as a streetlight(s) benefiting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public as opposed to a benefit accruing to one or only a small number of individuals and/or private properties. The following standards shall apply to streetlight installations:
  - a. Unless otherwise approved by the County Administrator, all public streetlights shall be installed and maintained by Dominion Energy. Where alternate streetlight designs are approved by the County Administrator, the developer or a property owners' association shall be totally responsible for all aspects of the design, installation, maintenance and operation of said streetlights. Only those streetlights meeting Dominion Energy standards for maintenance and operation, as outlined in the Dominion Energy Municipal Services Agreement for maintenance and operation, will be considered for inclusion in the York County Public Streetlight Program.
  - b. Streetlights meeting the minimum requirements of the York County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance(s) will be included in the York County Public Streetlight Program. Other streetlights will be considered for inclusion if they are located on public property or within the limits of an approved public right-of-way and meet **all** of the following criteria:
    - (1) The streetlights are located:
      - At street intersections; **or**
      - At the terminations of cul-de-sacs; **or**
      - Along sidewalks which run parallel to streets or at locations where sidewalks or trailheads intersect a street right-of-way in accordance with the following spacing criteria:

<u>Street Classification</u>	<u>Distance (±10%) Between Streetlights</u>
Arterial	150 feet
Collector	300 feet
Access	500 feet

**or;**

- Along collector or arterial streets where driveways are spaced so closely as to present safety concerns; **or**
- Along streets where horizontal or vertical curvature limits sight distance and causes a safety deficiency; **or**
- At identified High Accident Locations where lighting deficiencies are determined to contribute to the accident rate.

(2) The streetlights primarily illuminate public rights-of-way as opposed to individual private properties.

3. Installation of New Streetlights:

a. Interested parties shall submit a new request to the County describing the location of the proposed public streetlight(s) or depicting locations on development plans submitted for review:

i. New public streetlight requests for locations within existing subdivisions in which there is a mandatory property owners' association shall be submitted in writing to the County by the president or board of directors of the association.

ii. New public streetlight requests for existing subdivisions in which there is no mandatory property owners' association shall be submitted in writing to the County and shall include dated signatures indicating concurrence of at least 66% of the owners of property located on each side of the street within a 250 foot radius of the proposed streetlight installation.

b. The County Administrator shall evaluate the request to determine if the proposed streetlight(s) qualify for inclusion in the County's Public Streetlight Program. If the streetlight(s) do not qualify, written notification denying the request shall be sent to the requesting party. If the streetlight does qualify for inclusion in the Public Streetlight Program, the County shall determine the approximate cost of installation and the projected five-year operating costs. (Refer to AD95-24 York County Public Streetlight Program for details regarding the specific procedures for processing public streetlight requests). The County will inform the requesting party in writing of the total cost of installation and the five-year projected operating costs. The requesting party must provide funds to the County in the form of a certified or cashier's check or money order (no cash) made payable to the County of York for the cost of installation and the projected five-year operating costs for the streetlight(s) provided, however, that the operating costs for streetlights installed in existing developments may, if desired by the requesting party, be paid in one-year increments. Upon receipt of the check or money order from the requesting party covering the installation costs and the projected five-year operating costs, the County will authorize Dominion Energy to install the proposed streetlight(s).

4. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to preclude the installation of streetlights, or the upgrading of existing streetlights at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

5. Maintenance of Streetlights:

a. After the initial required prepayment of the five-year projected operating costs is fully expended, the County will pay Dominion Energy the operating and maintenance costs of all streetlights included in the York County Streetlight Program. In addition, the County will pay all costs associated with upgrading existing streetlight(s) if upgrades are deemed necessary by the County Administrator.

b. In those cases where payment has been received by the County under previous policies for projected operating costs for streetlights, no further payment for said streetlights shall be required and no refunds shall be made for any amounts previously paid.

