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## Purpose

To provide standards and procedures for requests to install energy efficient illumination throughout the limits of the City of Fort Lauderdale to aid in the safe and orderly movement of traffic and pedestrians.

## Scope

This policy is intended to act as a guide in streamlining simple individual street light requests in neighborhoods that currently have surrounding existing street lights. Neighborhoods with more complex lighting issues where there are no existing street lights will be submitted for funding during the City's annual budgeting process where the 5 year Community Improvement Plan is set. The project will be funded or unfunded based on the priorities set through that process.

## Policy

Neighbor requests for residential street lighting on local roadways will be evaluated to determine if the need is warranted as defined below. When determining lighting levels, the City will refer to the minimum standards set forth by Florida Department of Transportations (FDOT) or the City's Streetlight Master Plan, whichever is appropriate.

Should a streetlight request be deemed necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the general public traveling on City Streets, the approved light will be installed as funding permits. If funds are available, priority shall be given to:

1. Traffic hazards (accident history, high pedestrian traffic, sight distance, etc.)
2. Intersections
3. Dead-end of a street
4. Mid-block locations
5. Date of request

Careful planning and coordination will be needed for the installation of street lights in residential areas where mature trees and landscaping exists and may require the following:

- For new installations, poles shall not impact, or intrude upon, the canopy of existing trees. For mature tree-lined streets, poles shall be located on the road side opposite existing trees, where possible. If there are trees on both sides, careful pruning in accordance with ANSI (American National Standards Institute) A-300 Tree Pruning Standards will be necessary to allow light to penetrate the tree canopy.
- New trees shall not be planted within 15 feet of existing street light poles. Large canopy trees should not be planted where root structure can interfere with underground services. When considering planting trees near street lights, the City's Urban Forester must be consulted.

The installation and/or upgrade of streetlights in the area along Fort Lauderdale Beach from the Galt

Ocean Mile (NE 42 Street) to the southernmost City limits (Port Everglades inlet) is strictly regulated in accordance with City Ordinances and State guidelines for the protection of sea turtle hatchlings.

All lighting fixtures approved for installation shall be energy efficient such as, but not limited to, high pressure sodium, induction, or Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting fixtures. Lighting fixtures approved for installation may be subject to Florida Power and Light (FP&L) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) standards.

Requests for the installation of a street light for the sole purpose of lighting private property is prohibited under this policy. The illumination of private property is considered a light of convenience and shall not be the responsibility of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Property owners may contact Florida Power & Light directly to discuss details for providing additional lighting for their private property.

### **Procedure**

1. Requests for streetlight installations shall include a completed Street Light Request Form. The form is available by contacting Parks and Recreation at [facilities@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:facilities@fortlauderdale.gov).
2. Upon receipt of a completed request, the proposed location will be assessed to determine if power is available and if any easements are required.
3. The Facilities Maintenance Division will coordinate efforts with FP&L Engineers, FDOT Engineers and City Electrical Engineers if necessary to determine the appropriate lighting criteria.
4. Due to light trespass, all homeowners within 100 feet of a proposed light installation will be notified of the requested street light installation.
5. Recommendations for approval or denial will be made by the Facilities Manager and final approval will be made by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-231

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A RESIDENTIAL STREET LIGHT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale desires a Residential Street Light Policy for the installation of energy efficient illumination along the streets in Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale currently handles requests for street light installation on a case by case basis; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to implement a Residential Street Light Policy to install energy efficient illumination throughout the limits of the City to aid in the safe and orderly movement of traffic and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the policy will formalize the standards for installation and to streamline the request process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the recitals set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby adopts and approves the Residential Street Light Policy attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. That the Residential Street Light Policy shall take effect as of the date of adoption.

ADOPTED this Resolution the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
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Mayor  
HN P. "JOACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



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City Clerk JEFFREY A.  
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