

STREET LIGHTING POLICY CITY OF WATERLOO, IOWA

Scope

The goal of this policy is to minimize roadway and traffic hazards, improve safety and security, and enhance economical prosperity through a fair and efficient street lighting system within the City limits.

Authority and Approval

All street light installations and removals will be by Council authorization except where it is done as part of a roadway or traffic improvement project. City Traffic operations department will receive all requests for streetlights and will forward them to the City Council along with appropriate recommendations. To be approved for installation, a streetlight must fall within at least *one* of the Category Conditions and meet *all* of the Location Conditions, given there is enough funds to cover the costs. An existing light may be removed if it does not fall within the policy's guidelines.

Locations for Street Light Installation or Modification

1. Category Conditions

a. Conflict Lighting:

- i. Intersections, dead-ends, pedestrian crossings, bridges, railroad crossings, hazardous curves, dangerous side slopes and drop offs, emergency exits and entrance of emergency vehicles, are defined as traffic conflict points.
- ii. Locations where a study shows lighting can improve traffic safety.

b. Security Lighting:

- i. Locations, as determined by the Waterloo Police Department, that need to be lit in order to reduce risk of attacks to sensitive buildings and structures.
- ii. High crime areas where street lighting can help reduce the type of crimes susceptible to correction by streetlights.

c. Enhance Operations Lighting:

- i. Areas where providing service to the public can be improved and is requested by a City of Waterloo department for improved operations.

d. Economic Prosperity and Development:

- i. Areas where it is determined that major economic development and prosperity can be attained or enhanced by providing street lighting.

2. Location Conditions

- a. Landscaping and other obstacles do not prevent efficient illumination.
- b. Property owners grant appropriate easements when needed.
- c. There is a suitable power source within a reasonable distance.