

City of Suffolk
Department of Public Works



Policy on
Security Street Lighting

The following policy and procedure has been established for handling requests for security street lighting on residential streets:

- Investigations to justify the installation of security street lights shall be made only where there is a density of at least six (6) residences within a distance of 1,200 feet. It will be made upon receipt of the following petition signed by a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the residents of property abutting on the entire area in question.
- Request should be submitted to the City Traffic Engineer on the form provided for this purpose.
- The City Traffic Engineer will review the request and determine if the request conforms to this policy. The originator of the request will be notified of the results along with the City Manager and City Council Member who represents the district where the street lighting is requested.
- If approved, the City of Suffolk will determine the number, type, and location of security street lights to be installed. All security street lighting approved by the city will be installed by the power company.
- A letter will be sent to the power company requesting a cost estimate for the purchase and installation of security street lighting.
- Upon receipt of the cost estimate by the power company, the City Traffic Engineer will review the estimate. If final approval is given, Dominion Virginia Power is authorized to commence work.
- The maximum size for security street lights shall be 5,000 lumen HPS unless larger size lamp is needed for highway safety at such points as road intersections.
- Although it is recognized that a certain amount of illumination will spill onto private properties as a result of the installation of the street lights, no shielding or shading of any type will be authorized in order to prevent this from occurring.
- Street light must be on a public street and mounted on the street side of the pole.
- In the event lights are in need of replacement, for either upgrading or downgrading, the city shall determine the replacement light size.

