

City of Rock Island Public Works Department Street Light Request Procedure

- The applicant must submit a written request, accompanied by a signed petition, detailing the need for and proposed locations of additional street lights.
- The Traffic Engineering Committee evaluates all Street Light Requests to determine if they satisfy the City's street light criteria; if the request is deemed non-compliant, a denial letter is issued to the applicant.
- If the request satisfies the criteria, Public Works staff will identify potential installation locations; upon receiving final approval, they will coordinate with MidAmerican Energy to confirm the feasibility of the proposed site or determine suitable alternative locations that accommodate all parties' requirements.
- Upon identifying a viable location, the Public Works Director grants authorization to MidAmerican Energy for the installation of the street light(s).

Criteria for Authorizing Additional Street Lights Based on Resident Requests

1. **Minimum Spacing Requirement:** The proposed street light location must maintain a minimum spacing of 400 feet from existing street lights to ensure efficient distribution and avoid over-concentration of lighting infrastructure.
2. **Financial Feasibility:** The request must not impose an undue financial burden on the municipality, as determined by the Traffic Engineering Committee during their review process. This assessment will consider installation, maintenance, and operational costs relative to the municipal budget.
3. **Logistical Feasibility:** The proposed location must be practical and serviceable, as confirmed by Public Works staff in collaboration with MidAmerican Energy. This includes ensuring access to power sources, suitable terrain, and compliance with existing infrastructure constraints.
4. **Demonstrated Need:** The resident must submit a written request clearly explaining the necessity for additional street lighting, such as safety concerns, visibility issues, or traffic conditions, supported by a signed petition from affected community members.
5. **Consideration of Property Impacts:** If pole installation is required, Public Works will consult with the impacted property owner and assess any potential effects on property value, ensuring that the installation minimizes adverse impacts to the extent feasible.

This policy applies to the installation of street lights on existing MidAmerican Energy poles or the installation of new wooden poles serviced by aerial feeds. For wooden poles and the addition of lights on existing poles, there is no cost to the applicant. Requests for buried feeds or ornamental lights will be evaluated under the same criteria outlined above; however, due to the increased complexity and cost of such installations, the municipality may request cost-sharing arrangements with the applicant or affected residents to offset additional expenses.



City of Rock Island
Street Light Application

The addition of a street light requires that an application and petition be submitted to the City of Rock Island's Traffic Engineering Committee (TEC).

Date: _____

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant Contact Name: _____

Organization Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

STREET LIGHT LOCATION DETAILS

Street Name/Address: _____

What side of the Street/Avenue would you like the street light located? _____
(example: north, south, east, or west)

REASON FOR THE ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHT (please give specific details)

