

TOWN OF HAMPDEN POLICY ON NEW STREET LIGHTS

In order to establish a policy that is fair, consistent and economically practical, the Hampden Town Council will address the installation of new street lights to insure safe movement of vehicles and public safety in the following manner:

1. By Petition or Individual Request – Any resident may bring forth a petition by January 15th of each year which must include signatures from their neighborhood requesting one or more street lights. The petition must be submitted to the Town Manager. The Town Manager will forward the request to the Public Safety Director for evaluation and recommendation.
2. Action by Public Safety – The Public Safety Director shall provide an evaluation and recommendation for all street light requests by March 1st. This will allow for appropriate time to include the request in the next fiscal year budget. The Public Safety Director will use the following criteria when considering a request:
 - a. Are there a large number of vehicles using this road, especially during darkness?
 - b. Intersections
 - c. Line of sight
 - d. Dead End Streets
 - e. Past occurrences of accidents at night
 - f. Past occurrences of crimes in immediate area
 - g. Is this a high pedestrian area (i.e. walkers, joggers, etc.)?
 - h. Do sidewalks exist in the area
 - i. Number of people to benefit
 - j. Number of residents to benefit
 - k. Number of businesses to benefit

Once the Public Safety Director has evaluated all the requests based on the cited criteria, he will make a recommendation on each request to the Town Council Infrastructure Committee. The positive recommendations will be listed in an order of priority that assigns the #1 priority to the request that Public Safety determines has the highest rating in terms of public safety concerns. Those not recommended for installation will have a brief statement explaining the reason for denial. The Infrastructure Committee shall review the list of recommendations and prepare a recommendation to the Town Council in regard to the requests by April 1st of each year.

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