

Walkertown Street Lighting Policy

The general purpose of the Walkertown Street Lighting Program is to improve visibility for travel along the Walkertown street system. The system includes sidewalks, traffic signs/markings, and the physical features of the roadway.

Residents may request streetlights be installed on streets that are part of the Town of Walkertown municipal street system.

The standard installation includes a high pressure sodium fixture mounted on a wooden utility pole. If other streetlights are present on the street or in the neighborhood, the addition of an individual light must be of the same type as those existing.

The streetlight is typically placed on the property line between each home.

To start the process, simply complete the streetlight request/petition form and return it to Walkertown Town Hall, at the address provided.

Once the required petition process has been completed and reviewed by Town staff, the Town of Walkertown will authorize Duke Energy to install the light and the Town will pay for the power to operate it.

Streetlight placement is based on standards established by Duke Energy, however the Town of Walkertown retains exclusive authority to determine final placement of all streetlights.

Request/Petition Process

The installation of streetlights involves a simple process. Specify the location for the requested streetlights on the attached form and site drawing. Obtain a signature from each property owner within 75' of the proposed streetlight locations. All properties within 75' of the proposed streetlight location must be located within the Town of Walkertown town limits. This usually includes the next door neighbor and the properties directly across the street from the proposed streetlight location. When the completed form is returned and reviewed by Town staff, the town will authorize Duke Energy to schedule the installation if the proposed location meets all requirements for street light installation.

Private items in the right-of-way, such as sprinkler systems, invisible fencing, cables, wires, pvc conduits, household water lines, etc. are NOT the responsibility of Duke Energy or the Town of Walkertown. It is recommended that such items be removed from right-of-way. At a minimum, they should be flagged or otherwise marked so that they may be avoided.

Requesting Decorative Lighting

Below are the guidelines for requesting decorative street lighting for subdivisions within the Town:

1. The developer and/or homeowners make the initial request for decorative streetlighting.
2. The Town requests a copy of the Homeowners Associations' Articles of Incorporation and Restrictive Covenants. (NOTE: If a Homeowners Association has not been formed, an Association must be established prior to any agreement with the town for decorative lights.)
3. Decorative street lighting fixtures and pole choices are given to the Association/ Developer for review. Both the Town and Duke Energy can attend any meetings requested by the Association/Developer to discuss options, procedures, etc. Upon choosing a fixture, maps depicting lighting locations for both decorative and standard systems are prepared and a preliminary cost estimate. The Association/Developer is given the opportunity to provide input on the locations of the streetlights; however, the spacing requirements set by Duke Energy and the Town of Walkertown will be followed.
4. The Town's Attorney reviews the Associations documents for wording that gives the Association the power to assess each homeowner for the payment of the decorative lighting system. (One hundred percent (100%) of the homeowners must be members of the Association.)
5. The Association/Developer makes its final decision to have decorative lighting.
6. A written request is sent to Duke Energy for a written cost quote including but not limited to:
Decorative adder charge,
Initial cost to install the decorative system,
"Early Out" charge for removal of existing street lighting system if one exists.
7. The town forwards this written quote and the length of the contract period to the Association/Developer.
8. The Association/Developer sends a letter of intent to the town stating its desire to have decorative streetlights and its understanding that the decorative adder/installation charges must be paid up-front before the street lighting can be installed by Duke Energy.
9. The Council Action Request and Resolution and the Letter of Intent is sent to Town Council for approval to enter into an agreement between the town and the Homeowners Association/Developer. Upon approval of Town Council, the Association/Developer signs the agreement to pay the cost difference between the standard streetlight system and the decorative system as well as any other charges associated with the installation and/or removal in the development.
10. Duke Energy sends the Association/Developer the invoice for the up-front charges.
11. The Association/Developer pays Duke Energy directly for the up-front charges. The Town issues a work order to Duke Energy after the agreement has been executed between the town and the Homeowners Association/Developer.
12. The town invoices the Association/Developer annually for any electrical cost difference between decorative and standard street lighting, as well as any administrative cost for the term of the contract period. The first invoice is issued one year after the system is installed.

**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
STREET LIGHT REQUEST FORM**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Reason for Street Light Request: _____

Exact location of street light requested (Street Address): _____

Pole numbers on existing poles: _____

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Lead Petitioner Name: _____

Property Owner: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Signature:** _____

IN FAVOR OF STREET LIGHT: AGAINST STREET LIGHT

Property Owner: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Signature:** _____

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Property Owner: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Signature:** _____

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Property Owner: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Signature:** _____

IN FAVOR OF STREET LIGHT: AGAINST STREET LIGHT

**Return Completed Form To:
Town of Walkertown
P.O. Box 39
5177 Main Street
Walkertown, NC 27051**

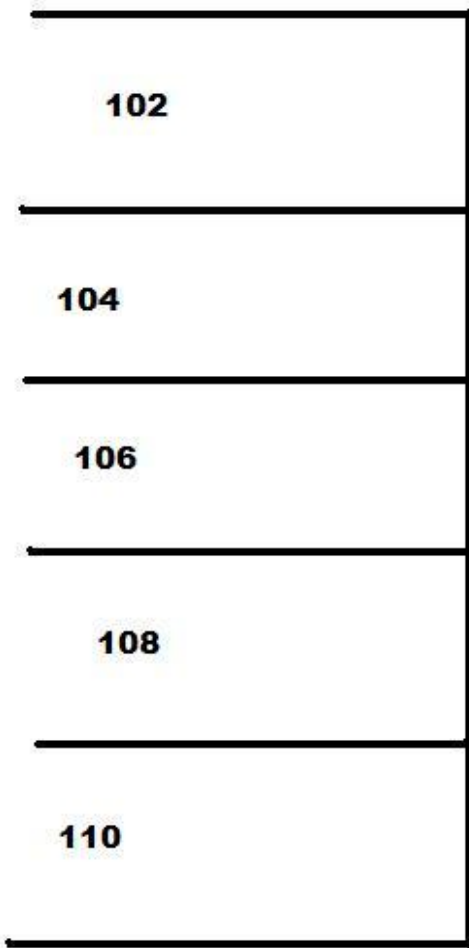
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
STREET LIGHT REQUEST FORM
-SITE DRAWING-
-SAMPLE-

Street Name

Lola Street

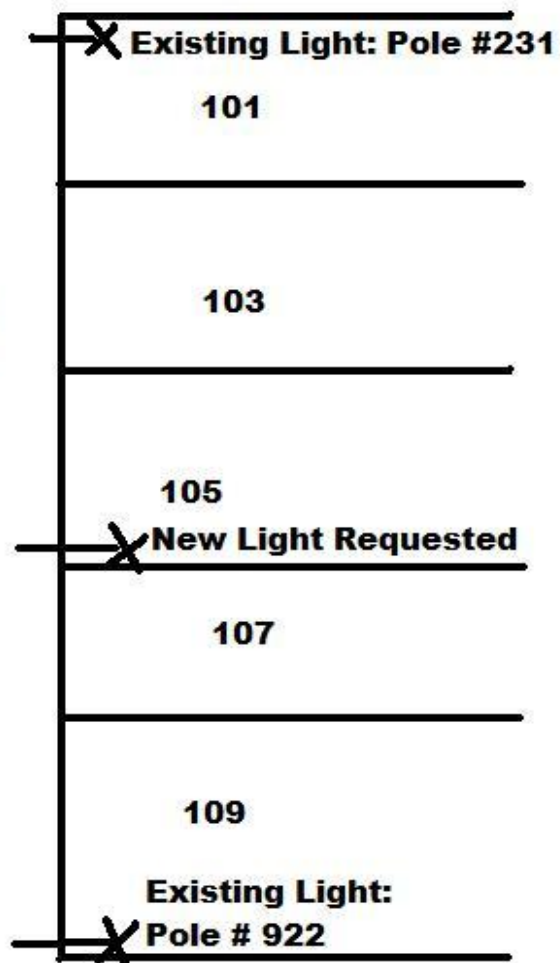


INDICATE NORTH



Dune Street

Street Name



Flower Street
Street Name

**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
STREET LIGHT REQUEST FORM
-SITE DRAWING-**

Street Name



INDICATE NORTH

Street Name

Street Name