

**RESOLUTION #23-12:**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL STREETLIGHT POLICY.**

**THAT WHEREAS,** On September 4, 1990 the Village Council adopted “A Policy Regarding Streetlights” in the Village of Pinehurst; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village Council has deemed it in the best interests of the community to minimize the number of streetlights excepting the following: (a) areas in which there are high volumes of traffic after darkness, (b) at intersections with a primary State Highways, (c) streetlighting that will facilitate pedestrian traffic in the Village Commercial District; and

**WHEREAS,** Village staff and Council have reviewed the existing policy and have minor modifications to said policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, in the regular meeting assembled this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the Streetlight Policy is hereby adopted as amended; said policy attached hereto as Attachment A and made a part hereof; the same as if included verbatim.

**SECTION 2.** This resolution shall be and the same is hereby effective from and after the date of its adoption.

**THIS RESOLUTION** passed and adopted this 11th day of April, 2023.

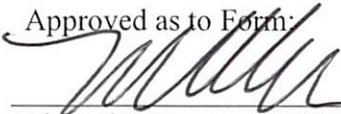


VILLAGE OF PINEHURST  
VILLAGE COUNCIL

By:   
John C. Strickland, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

Approved as to Form:  
  
Michael J. Newman, Village Attorney



VILLAGE OF PINEHURST  
STANDARD PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: Streetlight Policy	Effective Date: 11/4/1990
Department: Village Council	Policy No.: 31
Prepared by:	Revised: 4/11/2023
Approved by: Village Council	# of Pages: 3

**PURPOSE:** Village Council has responsibility to provide safe traffic and pedestrian mobility including providing adequate street lighting. This policy balances the need for streetlights with the desire to maintain the small-town, rural atmosphere of the Village and avoid unnecessary light pollution from excessive streetlights.

**POLICY:**

**SECTION 1.** The Village Council will discuss and make the final determination in advance of adding street lighting on existing public roads within the Village. Further, Staff shall recommend any additions or deletions to street lighting on existing public roads and Council will consider recommendations using the following guidelines:

- A. Streetlights shall be minimal in quantity, mounted on wood poles at a height of approximately 25' and should be 50W LED in residential areas and no more than 75W LED on State primary roads unless required by NC DOT to be greater.
- B. Additional Streetlights may be considered for the Village Center business district in a style and wattage consistent with existing decorative lights.
- C. Streetlight placement for residential neighborhoods and State roads shall be limited to no more than one light at intersections of 2-lane collector roads. A second light may be considered for an intersection involving at least one 4-lane road or that has a divided median. Mid-block placement is discouraged but recognized as a potential necessity in some locations, particularly on primary State roads. In such instances, a minimum of 150' separation between streetlights poles is recommended in order to maintain a minimal number of streetlights.
- D. Additional streetlights may be considered in areas that experience higher volumes of periodic traffic such as areas around FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.
- E. Lights that are deemed decorative, such as low voltage landscape lighting, up-lighting or down-lighting that are not mounted on a riser pole may be considered on public right-of-way. If installed at a residential entrance or other

residential common areas, the appropriate developer/neighborhood association is financially responsible for power usage and on-going maintenance.

- F. Streetlights at pedestrian, bike or other non-vehicular transportation crossings with primary State roads may be considered.
- G. Streetlights not meeting any of the above criteria but deemed worthy of consideration for significant safety reasons as determined by the Village Engineer or Planning Department may be considered by Village Council.
- H. In instances where a development is within the Village limits and its roads are to be dedicated to the public, the Village may elect to assume financial responsibility for the streetlights that meet the criteria for placement even if the roads have not yet been accepted by the Village. In the event the development proposes/or has decorative streetlights, they may be approved and allowed if the financial responsibility remains with the developer or a legally formed property owner's association. The developer or property owner's association may request reimbursement from the Village for the monthly charge for each decorative streetlight that meets the criteria for placement. However, the Village will not reimburse for any streetlight(s) it deems as excessive and unnecessary. The maximum reimbursement amount for each approved light is capped at a level equivalent to the amount charged the Village by Duke Energy for lease of a standard wood pole with a 50W LED streetlight if the development is residential. If the development is commercial, the amount is capped at a level charged by Duke Energy for a standard wood pole with a 75W LED streetlight. The Village will not accept responsibility, nor reimburse, for privately owned streetlights.

**SECTION 2.** Streetlights in new residential developments must submit and abide by a lighting plan which shall be submitted with the site plans for review as part of the new sub-division submittal. The lighting plan must abide by the above guidelines and all associated requirements of the Pinehurst Development Ordinance.

**UPDATING POLICY:** This policy shall be reviewed as Village Council deems necessary.

Approved by:

  
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Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager

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