



Legislation Text

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Receive a report on Residential Neighborhood Street Lights.

BACKGROUND:

The street lights within the City of Farmers Branch are owned and maintained by Oncor Electric Delivery. Oncor is the electrical service provider for this area. Currently the City has approximately 2445 street lights. There are three types of lamps used within the City: high pressure sodium, metal halide and mercury vapor. There are three different styles of light fixtures in Farmers Branch: shoe box style, cobra head style and an ornamental style that has been used along the streets around the DART station area.

In December 2006 the City Council created a Branch Revitalization Task Force to explore ways to make the City become more attractive for retail, residential development and redevelopment. As a result of the Task Force, City Council approved Resolution No. 2007-024 on February 19, 2007 setting City standards regarding streetscape which included street lighting. This Resolution does not constitute an obligation to install or construct any street light improvements.

The developer for Mercer Crossing has suggested a different style of street light for the proposed development (Attachment 4). Currently, Wittington Place has the shoebox style lights (Attachment 1) as specified in Resolution No. 2007-024. Most thoroughfares have the cobra head style lights (Attachment 2) and the Philadelphia style lights (Attachment 3) are allowed in the Mustang Crossing Addition.

The City of Farmers Branch is allowed \$3,200 per street light for new construction. The developer installs the foundations and conduit and the allowance typically covers the cost of cobra head or shoebox style lights. Ornamental lights can cost approximately \$7,000 per light and any costs above the allowance would have to be provided.

LED street lights are still being evaluated by Oncor and are not currently being installed. If the developer/City desires to install LED street lights, they would have to be separately metered and maintained by a separate entity (developer/POA/City).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Photo of shoebox style street light
2. Photo of cobra head style street light
3. Photo of ornamental style street light
4. Street lights for Westside Development
5. Resolution No. 2007-024