



# CITY OF HOUSTON

## Street Lighting Program

### Street Light Request Application

P.O. Box 1562 Houston, TX 77251-1562

Phone #: (832) 395-3000 Fax #: (832) 395-3054

#### Request for Street Light

Please complete the application below for a street light investigation request. This application must be completely filled out for both Part A and Part B. The request will be processed according to the procedures detailed in the Street Lighting Program. Please submit the form via mail or fax to the address and number listed above. The form may also be emailed to; [traffic.hotline@houstontx.gov](mailto:traffic.hotline@houstontx.gov)

#### Part A. Street Study Information

Each request must provide the name of the street on which an investigation is requested and the boundaries of the street segment. A lighting survey will be conducted only within the boundaries indicated. Please use streets for boundary limits, not block number ranges.

**Requested Street:**

**From:**

**To:**

Example:

Requested Street: Smith St.  
From: 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
To: 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

#### Part B. Requester Contact Information

Each request must provide a contact person. The contact person will receive all related correspondence to the request by mail or email (optional).

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**  **Zip Code:**  **Phone No.:**

**Email:**



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#### Street Lighting Purpose

The primary purpose of street lighting is to illuminate the roadway. Street lights are not intended to provide security lighting, pedestrian lighting, parking lot lighting or any other private property lighting. A street segment must be within the City limits to be eligible for street lights. All street lights are installed, owned and maintained by CenterPoint Energy. However, the City must approve any street light installation that is within the City right-of-way. Once it is installed, the City pays for the operating and maintenance cost of the street light.

#### Street Light Types

The City of Houston standard street light is a LED (Light Emitting Diode, white in color) light fixture mounted on wooden pole or metal pole.

- **Wood Pole Lights:** The City will authorize for street light installation on wooden utility poles wherever possible. The wooden poles will have overhead distribution lines.
- **Metal Pole Lights:** If an area does not have existing wooden pole with overhead distribution lines, then a metal street light served by underground lines will be installed. There may be a cost associated with this type of installation.
- **Wattage:** The City will typically install a 45-Watt LED light in residential area local streets and a 95 Watt or 115-Watt LED light along Major Thoroughfare or Collector Streets.

#### Street Light Spacing

Metal pole street lights are typically installed approximately 200' apart (+/- 10' for driveway and property line adjustment) for adequate roadway illumination purposes. Street lights are typically installed between property lines and away from obstruction such as trees, manhole, water meter, and inlets.

Spacing for installing street lights on wooden utility poles may vary depending on the existing location of the wood poles. However, spacing will normally be 150' to 200' apart for adequate roadway illumination.

## Cost for Street Lights

Typically, there is no charge from the City to the applicant for any street light that can be installed on an existing wooden pole. Although rare, there may be a cost required of CenterPoint Energy (CNP) to install the wood pole light. If required, you will be given the option to pay this cost for the light(s) to be installed. The City will notify you if there is a CNP cost.

There is a charge applicable for the installation of a new street light on a metal pole. This charge is in accordance with the City of Houston Code of Ordinance (Section 40-3). The ordinance requires the applicant to pay for the first year's operating cost prior to authorizing the installation of the street light. This is only a one-time charge to the applicant. The cost may vary depending on the type of the street light. In most instances, the cost is generally estimated around \$200.00 per street light. For metal poles on Collector Streets, there may also be an additional cost required from CNP in addition to the first year's operating cost. If required, you will be given the option to pay this cost for the light(s) to be installed. The City will notify you if there is a CNP cost.

**Major Thoroughfares:** There is no charge from the City for any street light (wooden or metal) on a roadway classified as Major Thoroughfare. The City will have the lights installed providing there is a planned Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the road. The City cannot guarantee the timeline of any CIP project. Roadways classified as Major Thoroughfares may require an installation cost from CNP. If a CIP project is not planned, you will be given the option to pay the additional CNP cost to facilitate the installation. The City will notify you if there is a CNP cost. Wood pole lights not requiring a cost from CNP for the Major Thoroughfare will be installed.

## Street Light Outage and Problems

The maintenance of street lights within the City of Houston is responsible by CenterPoint Energy. Please report any street light outages, streetlight repair or damages to CenterPoint Energy at **(713) 207-2222 / (800) 332-7143** or visit its website at [www.Centerpointenergy.com](http://www.Centerpointenergy.com). Please provide the 6-digit pole number of the affected street light pole or the nearest address where the light is located. Tree trimming associated with street light may be reported to City of Houston's Customer Service Center at 311.

## Street Light Survey Application

This application must be completely filled out and submitted to the City by mail or by fax. Upon receipt of the application, the City will conduct a street light survey and provide a written response in approximately 6 – 8 weeks. If the City determines that street lighting is necessary as a result of the survey, the City will authorize CenterPoint Energy to install the recommended street light(s) after all applicable costs mentioned above are paid.