

Resolution #3-R-23
RESOLUTION TO RE-EXAMINE THE CITY OF APPLETON
STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION POLICY

Date: April 19, 2023

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Referred To: Municipal Services Committee

WHEREAS the City of Appleton adopted the street light installation policy in October 2007 stating that ***“The intended purpose of street lighting is to light the public rights-of-way to levels which are proportionate with the level of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This relates directly to higher levels of light on more heavily traveled roadways and, conversely, lower levels of lighting on lesser traveled roadways. There is certainly overlap between street lighting’s use for vehicle and pedestrian traffic safety and its favorable use as a deterrence and aid in response to public safety. The City of Appleton Traffic Section will offer support and recommendations for street lighting levels for use in traffic safety. The application of street lighting beyond these recommendations for public safety falls outside our area of expertise and the financial obligations of the Department. However, the Traffic Section will provide technical support and guidance with the implementation process of all street lighting in public rights-of-way. The City of Appleton Traffic Section will conduct reviews of street lighting for traffic safety during the roadway design process and at the request of the public, city staff and alderpersons. Any recommendations for new street lighting will be passed through the City’s Municipal Service Committee (MSC) and Common Council for review and approval. Any requests that do not meet these criteria will be denied administratively. Appeals may be brought to the MSC and Common Council for consideration and action.”*** and;

WHEREAS the City of Appleton leases over 90% of the streetlights in the city at a cost of over \$1,000,000, and;

WHEREAS the overall budget for street lighting has increased over 18% from 2022 to 2023 and while the conversion from HID to LED is expected to save approximately \$70,000 per year, that savings will not begin to be realized until 2025, and;

WHEREAS it is appropriate to reexamine policies from time to time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works will review the current street lighting policy and make recommendations for changes with the goal of reducing overall cost while still fulfilling the mission to provide and maintain consistent quality street lighting throughout the City.