



Town of Middleborough, Massachusetts
Town Manager's Office

Public Streetlight Request Policy

Introduction

The Town of Middleborough's goal is to maintain and increase safety and improve traffic-related issues within the community. This policy will formalize an official process by which residents within the community can submit a streetlight request, which could include a new streetlight, modification of an existing streetlight, or the removal of an existing streetlight.

The Middleborough Gas and Electric Department has a separate process allowing residents to request a private rental of a streetlight to be installed on an existing utility pole. However, these residents must pay a monthly private rental fee added to their MGED bill, currently between \$6 and \$16 per month, depending on the wattage of the light. This public streetlight policy will refer only to the process for requesting a public streetlight to be installed and added to the town streetlight rental expense. Monthly fees will be covered by the Town provided the request meets reasonable safety and/or traffic improvement standards, which may include but not be limited to streetlights at the following locations:

- Signalized intersections
- Roadways with curbs, islands, or median within the travel way
- As part of major construction projects in areas with a high concentration of commercial development
- Locations having high reported accident histories where a significantly large proportion of those accidents happened at night
- Intersections that have been identified for future signalization where lighting can be economically installed on a short-term basis

Process

Residents of the Town of Middleborough are to fill out a "Streetlight Request Form", which is then to be submitted as a hard copy to the Town Manager's office, located at 10 Nickerson Avenue, Middleborough, MA 02346 or through email at townmanagerweb@middleborough.com.

Pole numbers may be found with an identifier on the pole itself. If there are any issues identifying a pole number, please contact the Gas & Electric Department at 508-947-1371 for assistance.

The request will be preliminarily reviewed by the Town Manager's office and forwarded to relevant departments for comment. Provided that the request meets basic standards, as listed above, final comments and questions from departments along with a recommendation for approval or disapproval from the Town Manager's office will be heard at a Board of Selectmen meeting, where the request will be officially heard and decided upon by the Board of Selectmen.



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Requested By: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Request Dated: _____

Type of Request

ADD a streetlight at

Street Name: _____ Pole Number: _____

Reason for request: _____

MODIFY a streetlight at

Street Name: _____ Pole Number: _____

Reason for request: _____

REMOVE a streetlight outside the applicant's residence located at

Street Name: _____ Pole Number: _____

Reason for request: _____

