

DEKALB COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
1950 WEST EXCHANGE PLACE
4TH FLOOR
TUCKER, GEORGIA 30084

Street lights are installed on the County maintained streets of DeKalb County by petition. Petitions must be signed by the property owners representing at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the total street-side footage on each street to be lighted. (Please note the percentage is for **street-side footage** and **NOT** for the number of property owner(s). This petition does not apply to private streets or to streets within an incorporated city.

THE PETITION PROCESS

A petition form is on the other side of this sheet, a separate sheet is required for each street. **The petition can only be signed by the property owner(s)**; all property on the street – developed or undeveloped; commercial or residential – is included and will be used in determining the percentage of street-side footage. Once a petition has been submitted to this office, **no signature can be altered or removed**. All signatures will be verified against the tax records for ownership; signatures of non-owners such as renters will not be accepted. After it has been determined that, the proper number of signatures have been obtained and ownership verified, a Public Hearing will be advertised. All information will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners with a recommendation that a street light district be established for your particular area. This process **normally** takes about three (3) months to complete after the required petition forms have been received by this office. The street lights are installed and maintained by your local power company. The installations usually takes between twelve (12) and sixteen (16) weeks after the Board of Commissioners has established the street light district.

THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS

In areas with underground utilities, street light poles are not installed as part of the normal electrical service. Therefore, the cost of the pole installation must be paid by homeowners or by the developer. At the time the petition form is submitted to this office, a check made payable to the local power company for the cost of the poles must be attached to the petition form. The actual location and quantity of poles required will be determined by the DeKalb County Street Light Coordinator and the local power company. The installation cost, which is determined by the power company serving your area*, for the street(s) covered by this petition is \$ _____.

In addition to the cost for the installation of the street light poles listed above, there is an annual power charge assessed for these street lights. This assessment is usually between **\$0.50** and **\$0.80** per front footage per year. In the case of a corner lot where both the front and the side streets are lighted, the assessment will be based on the total front footage plus any footage on the side street in excess of one hundred fifty feet (150'). This annual assessment will be included on the property owners' tax statement, and will be due at the time all other taxes are paid on the property.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There are three different power companies serving DeKalb County; **Georgia Power (770) 322—5822; Snapping Shoals EMC (770) 786-3484; and Walton EMC (770) 267-2505**. IF you need any additional information about this process, contact the DeKalb County Street Light Coordinator at (770) 492-5227.

***For the installation cost, please contact your local power company.**

- **This petition form is for use by developers for streets with underground power.**

