

STAFF REPORT

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Date: June 12, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Public Works Director

Subject: **Ordinance Establishing Development Requirements Related to Street Lights to be placed on the LS-3 Rate Schedule**

Recommendation:

Introduce Ordinance No. 882, establishing development requirements related to street lights to be placed on the LS-3 Rate Schedule.

Fiscal Impact:

It is estimated that the City could experience up to a 20% reduction in cost for new street lights on the LS-3 Rate Schedule by retaining ownership and self-maintaining future street lighting systems. The cost will apply only to the street lights actually on the LS-3 Rate Schedule. Expenses incurred would be paid from the assessments paid annually by the property owners into the Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District. This is not a new expense, it is a cost saving measure.

Background:

On February 27, 2007, City Council approved as a cost saving measure the placement of new street lights on the LS-3 Rate Schedule (City owned and metered for energy use) and directed staff to proceed with implementing the change to be effective on July 1, 2007.

This Ordinance establishes the requirement that all new street lights installed in the City of Lancaster beginning July 1, 2007, be dedicated to the City of Lancaster for ownership and maintenance and that such improvements and properties be annexed into the Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District. It identifies the standards to which the LS-3 public street lighting systems will be designed (design standards), and provides for new plan check and inspection fees to be established by separate resolution.. The design standards will be included in the Engineering Design Standards and Guidelines as periodically updated.