

RESOLUTION NO. 9506

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA ESTABLISHING
A POLICY FOR NEW STREET LIGHT DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls adopted Ordinance 2861 on October 7, 2003 establishing a municipal electric utility (Electric City Power); and

WHEREAS, Electric City Power is currently supplying electric power to all city facilities and the street light system; and

WHEREAS, The City has researched the manner in which NorthWestern Energy charges for street light districts; and

WHEREAS, The City Commission believes that it will be in the best long term interests of Great Falls' citizens for the City to own and maintain the infrastructure necessary for street light systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

That the City of Great Falls will own and operate future street lighting districts within the incorporated limits of the City.

That underground wiring will be required for all new street lighting districts unless the proposed district is located in a portion of the City that existing development makes underground wiring cost prohibitive.

That street lighting will be discussed and planned with developers during the Development Review Process.

That Residential Street Lighting Districts will continue to be optional.

That City guidelines and standards for street lighting will be developed and implemented.

That new residential subdivisions requesting street lights, will include conduit, wiring, poles and lamps provided either:

by the developer during installation of utility infrastructure such as water, sewer, streets, and sidewalks and be accepted by the City for

municipal ownership and ongoing maintenance via a special improvement maintenance lighting district after completion of installation in accordance with City standards; or,

by written request of the developer, creation of both a special improvement capital and a special improvement maintenance lighting district will be initiated by the City for the installation, municipal ownership and maintenance in accordance with City standards.

That the financing of street lighting districts for installation may continue to be set up according to state statutes, Title 7, Chapter 12, Part 43 M.C.A.

That the method of charging for power supply, operation and maintenance of the district will follow the Street Lighting Assessment method outlined in Title 7, Chapter 12, Part 43 M.C.A.

That the City will begin providing for maintenance and repair of lighting districts that are owned by the City through force account labor or by contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

That the Street Light Policy described herein is hereby adopted as the official street light policy for the City of Great Falls.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on this 5th day of July, 2005.

Randall H. Gray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn M. Horst, Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT

David V. Gliko, City Attorney

State of Montana)
County of Cascade :ss
City of Great Falls)

I, Carolyn M. Horst, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 9506 was passed and adopted by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, at a meeting thereof held on the 5th day of July, 2005, and signed by the Mayor of said City on the 5th day of July, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City this 5th day of July, 2005.

Carolyn M. Horst, Deputy City Clerk

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