

STREET LIGHTS

Requests for New Light Pole Locations

The City of Salina has an administrative policy to light public street intersections and the end of cul-de-sacs or dead-end streets. Mid-block lights may be installed in cases of exceptionally long blocks or where the street curves significantly. Street lights are installed by Westar Energy at locations requested and approved by the City Engineer. If citizens would like to submit a request for new light pole locations, they should contact the Public Works Department at (785)-309-5725.

Wooden Poles vs Steel Poles

Westar provides wooden poles at no charge and pays for the hardware and installation. The City pays a standard monthly rate for each street light which covers the light fixture, electricity, and ongoing maintenance. This link itemizes Westar's monthly charges to the City.

<https://www.westarenergy.com/rates-and-regulations>

Then select "Lighting," "Street Lighting North."

City Planning, under the Development Services Department, works with developers and Westar on new plats and subdivisions to locate street light locations. Westar considers steel poles to be specialty poles, and the City is charged a higher monthly rate to pay for the pole light fixture and installation as well as the monthly electricity usage. It is the City's current policy that the additional cost for steel poles be paid directly to Westar by the developer requesting steel poles be installed. Westar has a program in place whereby the developer can pay a one time buy down fee for the steel poles and then Westar will charge the City the standard monthly fee for wooden poles.

Damaged / Burned Out Lights

If a street light is damaged or burned out, it is Westar's responsibility to replace it. If citizens would like to report a damaged or burned out street light or speak with a staff member regarding street lights, please contact the Public Works Department at (785)-309-5725.