

**STARTING A STREET LIGHT DISTRICT
IN OCONEE COUNTY**

In order to create a street light district in Oconee County, the homeowner's association or other interested party (the applicant) shall initiate the following steps:

1. Applicant contacts the power company serving their area:

Walton EMC

Tracie M. Guinn
P.O. Box 260
Monroe, GA 30655-0260
Phone # 706-769-5622 (call Watk. office & they'll transfer you)

OR

Georgia Power

David Heard
P.O. Box 1312
Athens, GA 30613
Phone # 706-357-6709

Advise the power company that you want a street light district in accordance with the Oconee County Special Tax District Ordinance.

2. The power company's representative will prepare a service plan in accordance with the minimum standards of the Ordinance.
3. The power company will provide an itemized estimate of the cost of service.
 - a) Installation costs
 - b) Number of lights times cost per month
 - c) Number of poles times cost per month (if applicable)
 - d) Number of underground services times cost per month (if applicable)

= total amount per month
(also any up front charges for installation)
4. The Strategic & Long-Range Planning Department will review the service plan and itemized costs for compliance with the Street Light Ordinance.
5. The Strategic & Long-Range Planning Department will prepare a petition for the district.
6. Applicant must pick up the petition and obtain at least 66.666 percent of signatures from property owners within the proposed district.
7. Applicant returns signed petition to the Strategic & Long-Range Planning Department with \$100 application fee.
8. The Strategic & Long-Range Planning Department prepares a legal advertisement and presents the petition to the Board of Commissioners for action.

**NOTICE
STREET LIGHT TAX DISTRICT BILLING POLICY**

For new subdivisions (final platted after January 1st of the tax year) for which a street light district is approved, the following billing policy applies:

1. For subdivisions platted/approved January 2nd through January 30th, the street light tax (partial year) will be assigned to the parent parcel. The developer or owner of the parent parcel will, therefore, be responsible for the tax bill and for passing on the cost to each lot purchased at the time the lot is sold.
2. For subdivisions platted/approved July 1st through September 30th, the developer will be responsible for prepaying the first year tax (partial year) prior to the lights being turned on. If the developer does not pre-pay the partial year's tax, then the lights cannot be turned on until January 1st of the next year.
3. For districts platted/approved September 30th through December 31st, the lights will not normally be installed and turned on until January 1st unless the developer prepays a partial year's tax and the power company can install the lights prior to January 1st.