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Frequently Asked Questions about Lighting of Public Places in Jerome Township

Introduction: In order to help promote the public safety and enhance the quality of life for residents, the Jerome Township Board of Trustees maintains lighting in public places, including along certain public highways within the Township. The purpose of this document is to answer the questions about lighting most frequently received by Township officials, and to provide guidance to residents who wish to request additional lights.

History: Lighting systems were originally installed in the early 1960s. Lighting districts were established in the unincorporated villages of Jerome (now known as Old Jerome, and located along Jerome Road, north of Brock Road), Arnold (located where US 42 crosses the railroad tracks south of Currier Road), and New California (located at US 42 and Industrial Parkway). The owners of the lots in those areas paid a portion of the costs to install the systems when they were constructed. Additional lights have been periodically installed at intersections throughout the Township as the amount of traffic has increased.

How are the lights paid for?: The maintenance costs for any existing lights, including the costs of electricity, are paid for by the Board of Township Trustees.

How are the lights maintained?: Most lights in public places are maintained by the electric utilities which operate within the Township: Union Rural Electric, AES Ohio/Miami Valley Lighting, and Ohio Edison. Some lights are maintained by HOA's by agreement with the Board at the time of development. Lights attached to Township buildings are generally maintained by the Township Road Department. Please contact the Board at the Township Hall by calling the phone number above to report the location of any light requiring maintenance. Township employees can assist in reporting the light to the appropriate electric utility or identifying the responsible party.

Property owners are responsible for providing maintenance to lights on their property.

How do I request a new light?: Requests for additional lights must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Township Trustees. Due to the costs associated with installing and maintaining even a single new light, the Board generally prioritizes public safety when considering such requests. Please contact the Board at the Township Hall by calling the phone number above to begin the process. Residents requesting an additional light may be asked to state their request in writing. The Board may assign an employee to investigate the feasibility of the request with the respective electric utility.

How do I request a new lighting system for a neighborhood?: The decision to install a lighting system for an entire neighborhood is usually made at the time of development. However, requests for such new systems can be considered following the same procedure listed in the question above. Residents should be aware that new systems of this type are generally cost prohibitive when installed after development or require assessment of the entire neighborhood for the costs of the system. Please contact the Board at the Township Hall by calling the phone number for more assistance.

What can I do if I have additional questions about lighting?: These questions are not meant to be exhaustive, so please contact the Board at the Township Hall by calling the phone number above for more assistance.