Chapter 3.32

STREET LIGHTING CHARGES

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Section 3.32.010 Established--Designated.

There is hereby established a street lighting charge to be collected from the occupants of buildings within the City. This charge shall be collected by the Finance Director by placing said charge on the City utility bills. This charge shall be an excise tax and shall not be an ad valorem tax on real property.

The City Council finds and determines that the public health, peace and welfare requires that all major arterial and collector streets throughout the City be adequately lighted and further determines that the occupants of each building shall be charged as follows in accordance with the type of electric meter serving each building:

A. Each residential meter, eight cents per month per meter to be increased four cents beginning April 1, 1971, and increased four cents beginning with each succeeding ninth month thereafter until the sum of twenty cents is reached.

B. Each commercial account--block rate, eight cents per month to be increased four cents beginning April 1, 1971, and increased four cents beginning with each succeeding ninth month thereafter until the sum of twenty cents is reached.

C. Each commercial account--demand rate A, sixteen cents per month to be increased eight cents beginning April 1, 1971, and increased eight cents beginning with each succeeding ninth month thereafter until the sum of forty cents is reached.

D. Each industrial and commercial account demand rate B, forty cents per month to be increased twenty cents beginning April 1, 1971, and increased twenty cents with each succeeding ninth month thereafter until the sum of one dollar is reached. (Ord. 3806 § 1, 1971; Ord. 3688 § 1, 1970; Ord. 3626 § 1, 1969)

Section 3.32.020 Proposed street lighting--Improvements--Hearing.

Upon petition by the occupants of a proposed street lighting area or upon motion by the City Council, the City Council may initiate proceedings to determine whether or not the public interest requires the establishment of a street lighting area to provide for street lights where no street lights exist or to install new lights where inadequate lights by present standards exist. Said initiation shall be by minute action of the City Council which shall set a date for public hearing on the proposed street lighting area.

Not less than ten days prior to the date of hearing, there shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, a notice containing information concerning the intention to form a street lighting area and the proposed hearing, at which time occupants may file protests. In addition the Director of Public Utilities shall give notice by mail of the proposed adoption of a resolution initiating and establishing a street lighting area to the person who signed for the electrical service at each address within the proposed area, served by an electrical meter. Failure to so notify shall in no way invalidate these proceedings or the charges herein.
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The notice shall contain a statement of the day, hour, and place where and when any and all persons having objection to the proposed work may appear before the City Council and show cause why the proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with the proposed resolution and why the charges should not be imposed.

The City Council shall proceed to hear and pass upon all protests so made and its determination shall be final. Should it appear that the majority of occupants of a proposed area do not want the improvements, the City Council may by resolution abandon the proceedings.

Should the City Council determine that a petition has been presented representing one hundred percent of the occupants of a proposed street lighting area, the City Council need not hold a public hearing and may proceed forthwith to order the improvements installed.

If the City Council determines that the work should proceed, it shall order the improvements to be installed. (Ord. 3814 § 1, 1971; Ord. 3688 § 2 (part), 1970; Ord. 3626 § 2 (part), 1969)

Section 3.32.030 Additional charges.

Upon completion of the work mentioned in Section 3.32.020 the Finance Director shall compute the amount of money advanced by the City to cover the costs involved. In order to fully reimburse the City for funds advanced, additional street lighting charges in the amounts hereinafter specified shall be charged occupants of the zone until the City has been fully reimbursed. Said reimbursements shall include both principal and interest on any bonds or other loans incurred by the City to pay the initial costs.

The Director of Public Utilities shall exempt any occupants of buildings where the occupant, owner or predecessor in interest has been assessed or has paid for street lights to be installed in the street abutting the building or area served by the meter. This provision shall not apply when the assessment or charge was used for installation of lights that are now inadequate and are now to be replaced with adequate lighting.

Upon completion of the work, the Public Utilities Director shall place the following charges on the occupants of each building responsible for payment of the electrical bill, in accordance with the type of electric meter servicing each building. Said charges shall be as follows and shall be paid until such time as the City has been fully reimbursed for its initial advancement of funds:

A. When new ornamental street lights are installed:
   1. Residential meters, apartment "house meters" and commercial account block rate meters, eighty cents per month;
   2. Each meter in a duplex, triplex, or fourplex, fifty cents per month;
   3. All other apartment meters, twenty cents per month;
   4. Commercial account demand rate A meters, one dollar and sixty cents per month;
   5. Industrial and commercial account demand rate B meters, five dollars times the number of street lights installed on customer's side of the street abutting the property upon which the building and adjacent areas are served by the meter, with a monthly minimum of one dollar and sixty cents.

B. Where inadequate lights by current City standards are replaced by modifying existing street lights or where new mast arm lights are installed on existing wood poles:
   1. Residential meters, apartment "house meters" and commercial account block rate meters, thirty cents per month;
   2. Each meter in a duplex, triplex, or fourplex, twenty cents per month;
   3. All other apartment meters, ten cents per month;
   4. Commercial account demand rate A meters, sixty cents per month;
   5. Industrial and commercial account demand rate B meters, two dollars and fifty cents
times the number of street lights installed on customer’s side of the street abutting the property upon which the building and adjacent area are served by the meter, with a monthly minimum of sixty cents.

C. When Mission Bell Raincross street lights are installed:
   1. Residential meters, apartment “house meters” and commercial account block rate meters, one dollar and fifty cents per month;
   2. Each apartment meter, forty cents per month. (Ord. 3738 § 1, 1970; Ord. 3688 § 2 (part), 1970; Ord. 3626 § 2 (part), 1969)

Section 3.32.040 Collection of established charges.

The charges established by Section 3.32.010 shall commence with utility bills containing electrical charges for electric meters read on and after January 1, 1970, and the initial four cents increase shall commence with utility bills containing electrical charges for electric meters read on and after July 1, 1970. (Ord. 3688 § 3, 1970; Ord. 3626 § 3, 1969)

Section 3.32.050 Collection of additional charges.

The charges set by Section 3.32.030 shall commence with utility bills containing readings for services commencing the month following completion of the work. (Ord. 3688 § 4, 1970; Ord. 3626 § 4, 1969)