

City Code

Chapter 33

Street Lighting System

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Sec. 33-1. Statutory Authority.

Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.101 authorizes cities to impose charges for the cost of operating a street lighting system and to adopt an ordinance to make this authority effective. By this Chapter, the City of New Brighton elects to exercise this authority.

Sec. 33-2. Street Lighting System Established.

A city street lighting system is established. The system consists of all street lighting facilities owned by the city and all street lighting facilities for which the city purchases and supplies electrical energy.

Sec. 33-3. Rates and Collection of Fees.

(1) **Rates.** The street lighting charges imposed by this Chapter will be based on land use. The City Council will establish a flat rate for single and two-family residential properties and a flat rate for all other property categories within the City's billing system. Unimproved and vacant land will not be billed for street lighting under this Chapter.

(2) **Calculation of Rates.** The City Council will adopt an ordinance establishing the rate of the service charge for each property category. (Ord. No 751, 11-13-2007)

(3) **Collection of Fees.** Street lighting charges will be placed directly on the quarterly utility bill for each property.

Sec. 33-4. Assessment of Charges.

Any street lighting charges that are past due in excess of 90 days may be certified to Ramsey County for collection with real estate taxes as a special assessment. The City may also bring a civil action or pursue other legal remedies to collect unpaid charges. Charges certified as a special assessment will be collected following the procedures in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 429.061, 429.071, and 429.081. (Ord. No. 714, 2-24-04)