

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04-19**  
**REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a policy and process for streetlights installed and removed by the City of Vincent. This ordinance also establishes a policy and process for acceptance of a streetlight installed by an entity other than the City of Vincent.

**SECTION 2. STREET LIGHT POLICY**

The purpose of streetlights owned and/or rented by the City of Vincent is to provide for traffic and pedestrian safety along public ways. The major objective is to reduce motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents by illuminating hazards. Streetlights shall also be used to illuminate city-owned property for security and safety purposes.

**SECTION 3. STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE/ PLANNING COMMISSION**

The City of Vincent shall have the City of Vincent Planning Commission to provide a method of determination for the installation or removal of streetlights and assume responsibility of an existing streetlights.

- a. The Commission shall consist of the mayor, one Council Member, five District Members (one from each district) and one At Large Member.
- b. The City of Vincent Chief of Police and the City of Vincent Fire Chief will advise Committee/Commission.
- c. The Commission shall have the authority to consider and recommend action by the City Council on the need for removal and/or installation of streetlights on the public ways of the City of Vincent. The Commission shall also have the authority to consider and recommend action on a request for the City to assume responsibility of an existing street light.
- d. The Commission shall make its decision upon findings of fact by a majority of the Commission
- e. Upon decision of the Commission, a recommendation shall be forwarded to the City Council for its action.

#### **SECTION 4. PROCEDURE FOR STREET LIGHT CHANGES**

- a. Any citizen of the City of Vincent may request the installation or removal of a streetlight. Additionally, a citizen may request the City assume financial responsibility of an existing streetlight.
- b. The request for a street light change shall include the following information:
  1. An application provided by the city and completed by the petitioner.
  2. An identification of the public way and the pole on which the requested streetlight would be installed.
  3. A description of the situation demonstrating the need for a streetlight.
  4. Proof of notification of immediate abutters and property owners within a 500-foot radius of the streetlight.
- c. Upon the receipt of the application, The Street Light Committee/ Planning Commission shall review the information to evaluate conformance to the purpose and criteria of this ordinance.
- d. The Commission shall make its decision and a recommendation shall be forwarded to the City Council for action.

#### **SECTION 5. PROCEDURE TO INSTALL STREET LIGHTS AT LOCATION THAT CONFORM**

The City of Vincent will install streetlights at locations that conform to the following qualifying conditions:

- a. Overhead electrical service is available, unobstructed, and no new wooden pole needs to be set, AND
- b. The location is at the intersection of two streets, OR
- c. The distance between existing streetlights is greater than 600 feet, OR
- d. The location is on a severe curve, either vertically or horizontally, OR
- e. The location is it at a dedicated pedestrian crosswalk.

#### **SECTION 6. INSTALLATION, ASSUMPTION OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND REMOVAL**

- a. The City of Vincent may install, pay for, or assume financial responsibility for streetlights in the following instances:
  1. Lighting the intersection of a public way.
  2. Bad curves or other serious road hazards where increased illuminations would ease the traffic hazard.
  3. Lighting of areas with heavy evening pedestrian traffic.

- b. The City of Vincent shall not install, pay for, or assume financial responsibility for street lights in the following instances:
  - 1. Security of Private Property:  
Illuminating private property (commercial, industrial, and residential) for security purposes is at variance with City policy.
  - 2. Entrance to Private Drives:  
Illuminating private driveways, business entrances, and entrances to private ways is not in accordance with City policy.
  - 3. Private Ways:  
City-installed Street lights shall not be located on private ways, camp roads, or private driveways.
  
- c. The City of Vincent shall only install or pay for a streetlight on an existing pole owned by the municipality or a public utility and which is located within a public right-of-way.

## **SECTION 7. CRITERIA**

In general, streetlights will be located at City, State, County and Federal intersections, as necessary.

The request will be considered with respect to traffic and pedestrian volume, a comparison of nighttime versus daytime accident rate, presence of sidewalks, proximity to school and public transportation routes, and other pertinent data for a specific location or similar location.

Streetlights may be located where it is determined that sufficient hazards exist to vehicular and pedestrian traffic due to permanent roadway structures such as bridges or roadway geometry and reflectorized warnings are deemed inadequate.

Streetlights may be located at entrances to City facilities that have nighttime operations.

## **SECTION 8. REPEALER**

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City that are inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

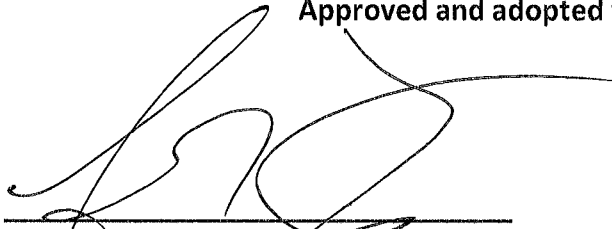
## **SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY**

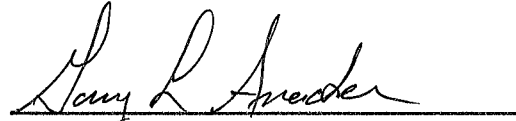
If any part, section, or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and posting/publication as provided by Alabama law.

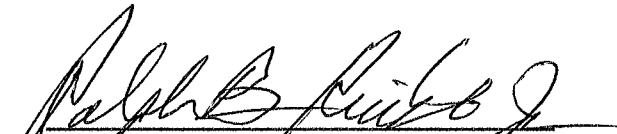
Approved and adopted this 3rd day of May, 2022.

  
James D. Latimer, Mayor

  
Gary Anacker, Councilmember


  
Samecca McCrimon, Councilmember

  
Darryl Wood, Councilmember

  
Ralph Kimble, Councilmember

  
Corey Abrams, Councilmember

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Vincent, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is an ordinance lawfully passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Vincent, at a meeting of such Council held on the 3rd day of May, 2022, and that such ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Attested by:   
Helen Thweatt, Clerk