

## **FACTSHEET**

**TITLE:** MISCELLANEOUS NO. 04003, a text amendment to the City of Lincoln Design Standards, requested by the Director of Planning, to amend Title 2, Chapter 2.30, relating to spacing and light bulb wattage for standard street lighting, by deleting "Section 3 Responsibilities", and by amending "Section 4.2 Standard Street Lighting".

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval.

**SPONSOR:** Planning Department

**BOARD/COMMITTEE:** Planning Commission  
Public Hearing: 06/09/04; 07/07/04; 07/21/04;  
08/18/04; and 09/29/04  
Administrative Action: 09/29/04

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval (8-0: Marvin, Carroll, Sunderman, Carlson, Taylor, Pearson, Larson and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Krieser absent).

### **FINDINGS OF FACT:**

1. The purpose of the proposed text changes is to correct errors on a previous change regarding spacing and light bulb wattage for standard street lighting.
2. The staff recommendation of approval is based upon the ""Analysis" as set forth on p.2.
3. The proposed text changes are set forth on p.3.
4. This legislation was deferred at Planning Commission while the Director of Planning continued to work with the Lincoln Electric System regarding undergrounding of street light wires, resulting in the following language that recognizes the City administration rather than LES engineers as the final authority:  

Wiring will be underground in areas with an underground source and overhead in areas with an overhead source. Whenever directed by the Public Works Department, wiring will be installed underground.
5. There was no testimony in opposition.
6. On September 29, 2004, the Planning Commission agreed with the staff recommendation and voted 8-0 to recommend approval.

**FACTSHEET PREPARED BY:** Jean L. Walker

**DATE:** October 4, 2004

**REVIEWED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** October 4, 2004

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** FS\CC\2004\MISC.04003

# LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING STAFF REPORT

for September 29, 2004 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

**P.A.S.:** Miscellaneous #04003

**PROPOSAL:** Delete Section 3 and revise Section 4.2 of Chapter 2.30 of the City of Lincoln Design Standards. This application's intent is to correct the design standards regarding spacing and light bulb wattage for standard street lighting.

**CONCLUSION:** These text changes are correcting errors on a previous change and are cleaning up language to the City of Lincoln Design Standards.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u></b>	Approval
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## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

### **HISTORY:**

On November 6, 2000, MISC 00006: To amend and to combine the Design Standards into a single document entitled, "The City of Lincoln Design Standards", was approved by City Council. L.E.S found the error and notified Dennis Bartels in Public Works.

### **ANALYSIS:**

1. "Standard Lighting" is generally the street lighting found in the older parts of Lincoln before ornamental street lights were a requirement of the land subdivision ordinance. They are installed by L.E.S. upon petition of property owners or requested by the Mayor, City Council, Police, or Public Works.
2. L.E.S. initially proposed the spacing between lights and the wattage be changed in both ornamental street lighting and standard street lighting. Following Planning Commission public hearing in which there was opposition to the changes, the Planning Commission moved not to change the design standards. However when the design standards were submitted to the City Council the Planning Commission's recommendation to not change the **standard street lighting** language was omitted. The City Council adopted the design standards that included changes to the spacing and wattage of the lamp.
3. Engineering Services has reviewed the proposed revisions and recommends approval.
4. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has reviewed the proposed revisions and does not object to the approval of the revised design standards.
5. LES has reviewed the proposed revisions and does not object to the approval of the revised design standards.

## Proposed Changes:

Delete "**Section 3. Responsibilities**" of this chapter.

### 4.2 Standard Street Lighting

LES will install/replace and maintain, "standard lighting" in any area where the City Council has not provided for "ornamental street lighting". The standard street light shall normally consist of a wood pole and bracket with a pendant luminaire. Wiring will be ~~overhead but may be underground at the discretion of LES Engineering~~ underground in areas with an underground source and overhead in areas with an overhead source. Whenever directed by the Public Works Department, wiring will be installed underground.

For residential areas, high pressure sodium vapor ~~70 400~~ watt street lights will be located at street intersections and at approximate mid-block normal interval spacings of ~~240 200~~ feet. Informal petitions signed by affected property owners or requests by the Mayor, City Council, Police Department or Public Works Department will precipitate investigation by Street Light Engineering to design and order the installation of justifiable lighting.

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**DATE:** September 21, 2004

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## MISCELLANEOUS NO. 04003

### **PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

June 9, 2004

Members present: Sunderman, Carlson, Larson, Krieser, Taylor, Marvin, Carroll and Bills-Strand; Pearson absent.

Staff recommendation: Deferral.

Ex Parte Communications: None.

Derek Miller of Planning staff submitted a request for a four-week continuance instead of two weeks to July 7, 2004.

Carlson moved to defer four weeks, with continued public hearing and administrative action scheduled for July 7, 2004, seconded by Marvin and carried 8-0: Sunderman, Carlson, Larson, Krieser, Taylor, Marvin, Carroll and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Pearson absent.

### **CONT'D PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

July 7, 2004

Members present: Sunderman, Larson, Krieser, Taylor, Marvin, Pearson, Carroll and Carlson; Bills-Strand absent.

Staff recommendation: Deferral.

Carroll moved to defer two weeks, with continued public hearing and administrative action on July 21, 2004, seconded by Larson and carried 8-0: Sunderman, Larson, Krieser, Taylor, Marvin, Pearson, Carroll and Carlson voting 'yes'; Bills-Strand absent.

There was no public testimony.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

### **CONT'D PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

July 21, 2004

Members present: Marvin, Larson, Carlson, Krieser, Pearson, Taylor, Carroll and Bills-Strand; Sunderman absent.

Staff recommendation: Deferral.

Ex Parte Communications: None.

The Clerk announced that the staff is requesting an additional deferral until August 18, 2004.

Taylor moved to defer four weeks, with continued public hearing and administrative action on August 18, 2004, seconded by Krieser and carried 8-0 Marvin, Larson, Taylor, Carlson, Krieser, Pearson, Carroll and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Sunderman absent.

**CONT'D PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:** August 18, 2004

Members present: Marvin, Pearson, Krieser, Sunderman, Carlson, Carroll, Taylor and Bills-Strand; Larson absent.

Staff recommendation: Deferral.

Ex Parte Communications: None.

The Clerk announced that the staff is requesting a six-week deferral until September 29, 2004.

Marvin moved to defer for six weeks, with continued public hearing and administrative action on September 29, 2004, seconded by Taylor and carried 8-0: Marvin, Pearson, Krieser, Sunderman, Carlson, Carroll, Taylor and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Larson absent.

**CONT'D PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:** September 29, 2004

Members present: Marvin, Carroll, Sunderman, Carlson, Taylor, Pearson, Larson and Bills-Strand; Krieser absent.

Staff recommendation: Approval, as set forth in the staff report dated September 21, 2004, as follows:

Delete "**Section 3. Responsibilities**" of this chapter.

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Ex Parte Communications: None.

Proponents

1. **Derek Miller** of Planning staff presented the application. The Director of Planning has worked with LES on the changes, which are basically to correct some errors on a previous change.

There was no other testimony.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

September 29, 2004

Carlson moved approval, seconded by Marvin and carried 8-0: Marvin, Carroll, Sunderman, Carlson, Taylor, Pearson, Larson and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Krieser absent. This is a recommendation to the City Council.