



**STREET LIGHT
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
(SLID)
APPLICATION PACKET**

STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FORMED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 48-616

Prior to the approval of a Final Plat or Site Plan, a petition to initiate the formation of a Street Light Improvement District (SLID) for the operating costs associated with the street lights contained within the plat or site plan is required. The developer/applicant will contract with their own counsel to compile, review, and submit the petition for the SLID to the city for council approval.

COSTS:

The developer/applicant is responsible for the following:

- All capital costs for installation of the lights shall be borne by developer/applicant.
- All costs associated with plan review, permitting and recording fees are the responsibility of the developer/applicant.
- All legal and recording fees associated with preparation of the SLID petition are the responsibility of the developer/applicant.

Additionally, any shortfalls in operating costs billed by APS after the SLID is approved will be paid by the developer/applicant until the district is self-funding through the assessment and collection of taxes (approximately a 3-year time frame).

Questions regarding assessments may be addressed to the City Finance Department.

PROCEDURES FOR FORMATION:

1. The following shall be submitted to the Development Center for review by Engineering Development Services (EDS) prior to civil approval of the project:
 - a. Two (2) 24"x36" hard copy sets and one electronic copy of streetlight plans
 - b. An electronic copy of the legal description of the SLID district, labeled "Exhibit A"
 - c. An electronic copy of the map of the SLID district, labeled "Exhibit B"
 - d. The signed petition(s) from the property owner(s) with the APS tariff attached

EDS will notify the developer of the name and number of the Street Light Improvement District.

2. Once the street light plans are approved by EDS staff, the developer will be required to submit the following to the Development Center who will forward to the appropriate department for review:
 - a. One additional set of approved plans (24" x 36" hard copy)
 - b. A copy of the approved plans in CAD format

Required disk format / record electronic files: CAD files (.dwg) shall be provided in the latest commercially available release of AutoCAD. Drawings are to be purged of all extraneous information, shall be “bound” to insert all reference files, shall be accompanied by any non-native fonts, and shall be free of complex file pathing which complicates file openings when transferred from the CDROM. Binding of reference files shall be done using AutoCAD’s Xref “Insert” option so as to avoid layer and block name corruption. PC compatible CD in Datum NAD 83 (2002Adjustment) Arizona State Plane Coordinate Systems, Central Zone and in decimal units. The subject parcel shall reference a minimum of two physical monuments and; the monuments shall be (a) section corner(s) and /or quarter corner(s) as surveyed under the Maricopa County Geodetic Densification and Cadastral Survey (GDACS) project and/or monuments recognized by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) as B order or better. See Maricopa Website for details at www.mcdot.maricopa.gov/survey/home.htm.

3. Upon streetlight plan approval, an approval letter will be issued to the developer.
4. The developer submits the approved plans and approval letter to APS in order to obtain electric rates, installation agreement and trenching plans (contact APS Outdoor Lighting Department). Subsequently, under a separate submittal, trenching plans are to be submitted (by APS) to the city for review and approval.
5. Developer will sign an “Installation Agreement” with APS. A.R.S. § 48-616(I). The APS tariff for City of Surprise SLIDs is E-58 Rate. The tariff must be attached to the Petition. Tariffs may be downloaded from the APS website at: www.aps.com. (In the event that no SLID is formed, individually metered lights may be necessary under the E-32 Rate. The E-47 rate may be utilized by a HOA for street lighting on private streets only. The City will not assume ownership of streetlight improvements, barring use of the E-59 Rate.) Lighting rates may be discussed further with the APS Outdoor Lighting Department.
6. It is the Developer’s responsibility to obtain outside council to prepare the Petition that complies with A.R.S. 48-615(A), (B). Thirty (30) days prior to the proposed City Council meeting, the developer will submit four (4) sets of the following items to the city :
 - a. Signed petitions (including the tariff)
 - b. Legal description (Exhibit A) and map (Exhibit B)
7. The Final Plat or Site Plan will not be forwarded to the approving body until the SLID is finalized for City Council.
8. Upon City Council approval EDS will contact the developer and issue permits for construction.
9. After construction of the project, the lights will be energized by authorization letter to APS from EDS.

STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PETITION

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SURPRISE:

We, the undersigned, are all or a majority of the real property owners, exclusive of mortgagees and other lienholders, within the district named below. We petition the City Council of the City of Surprise, Arizona, to establish a street light improvement district under Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §48-571 to 48-622, and any amendments, and specifically A.R.S. §48-615 to 48-617, to purchase electricity for lighting the public streets and/or parks within the district whose boundaries and area is described in Exhibits A and B attached hereto. This petition includes a charge for maintaining the lighting facilities.

It is hereby requested that, in compliance with the Arizona Revised Statutes, the City Council adopt a Resolution of Intention to order the proposed improvements, and that unless protests are received pursuant to A.R.S. §48-579 sufficient to bar further proceedings, the City Council proceed with the improvements petitioned for herein.

Expenses of the District shall be paid by the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes upon assessed value of all property in the District OR shall be paid by the levy and collection of an equal apportionment of taxes based on the number and classification of properties within the District. (choose one, delete other and remove highlight).

Public convenience, necessity and welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the District and the real property within the District will be benefited by the District. Additional street lighting facilities may be installed and included in the District, at no investment cost to the District, as directed by the City and as approved by Arizona Public Service and the City Engineer.

WHEREFORE, we respectfully ask that this Petition be properly filed and that the Mayor and Council of the City adopt the Resolution and take such other action as is proper, necessary and appropriate to form the District and to fulfill the purposes for which the District is organized, as the Mayor and Council believe is proper and necessary.

The name of the proposed street light improvements district shall be:

PETITIONERS: Please print and sign your name

PRINT BUSINESS/ PETITIONER'S NAME	ADDRESS OF PROPERTY OWNED WITHIN DISTRICT	ASSESSOR PARCEL #	SIGNATURE