



## **Department of Planning & Zoning Staff Report – Text Amendment Case No. 2023-2-ORD**

**Introduced by Matthew Jewell  
Parish President**

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix C of the Subdivision Ordinances, Section IV. F. Miscellaneous regarding streetlight fixtures by changing the required light fixtures from high pressure sodium to LED and updating the required cash deposit.

### **BACKGROUND**

The St. Charles Parish Subdivision Regulations of 1981 requires the installation of high pressure sodium light fixtures during the development of subdivisions. With the introduction of more efficient LED fixtures the current required fixtures are considered obsolete, and the Parish is aiming to update its design standards for subdivision development to require the newer lighting technology.

Additionally, a deposit of \$300 per streetlight fixture is one of the fees submitted to the Parish by developers as part of the development of new subdivisions. With inflation and the rising costs of parts and labor, the current fee does not account for the true cost involved in the maintenance and/or repair of light fixtures. A \$150 increase to \$450 was deemed appropriate by the Parish's Contract Administrator.

### **POTENTIAL OUTCOMES**

The design standards for subdivision development will be brought up to date, ensuring the use of more efficient LED fixtures in new developments.

The fee submitted for the street light deposit for new subdivision development will reflect the increased costs associated with the maintenance and/or repair of light fixtures.

### **DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Approval**