Section 246.7.3. Additional Requirements for Single Family Residential.

1. Streetlights.
   a. Street lights shall be installed at the option of the developer. All street light installation shall be in accordance with standards and requirements specified by the Development and Engineering Department.
      i. All petitions and procedures may be obtained at the Coweta County Planning Department.
      ii. Establishing a Streetlight District. Residents of an existing development may petition the county to have their community established as a streetlight district. Each phase of the development shall be handled by a separate application and as a different project. As a Streetlight District, the County will handle the billing for the monthly light bill. Each lot will be assessed an annual fee that will be attached to their property tax bill. The fee is presently forty-eight (48) dollars for each lot per year. This fee is subject to change due to inflation or price hikes established by the utility company. The Board of Commissioners will periodically adjust the fee schedule accordingly. (Ord. of 7-21-09)
      iii. If residents of an existing development desire to petition the Board of Commissioners to accept their phase of development as a Coweta County Streetlight District, the following must be met:
         (A) At least eighty (80) percent of the project lots are developed and each dwelling unit has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy.
         (B) The applicant must submit signed petitions from at least eighty (80) percent of the residents in the community. Each residence shall be counted as one vote. Affirmative approval from the lot owner shall also be indicated on each petition.
         (C) The required fees are paid according to the Coweta County Streetlight District Procedures. The application fee for a Streetlight District is seventy-five (75) dollars, plus five (5) dollars per lot.
         (D) A letter from the utility company is submitted indicating that the installation for the streetlights and poles have been paid for and the number of lights the county will receive billing on.
         (E) Three (3) copies of the approved final plat for the development phase shall be submitted.
   iv. Removal of a Streetlight District. Residents of an existing development may petition the Board of Commissioners to remove their phase of development as a Coweta County Streetlight District. The following must be met:
      (A) The applicant must submit signed petitions from at least eighty (80) percent of the residents in the community. Each residence shall be counted as one vote. Affirmative approval from the lot owner shall also be indicated on each petition.
      (B) Removal application fee of seventy-five (75) dollars, plus five (5) dollars per lot.
      (C) Applications submitted prior to June 1st, must be accompanied with the current years prorated fees at a rate of four (4) dollars per lot, per month to ensure removal of annual fees from the upcoming year’s tax bill. Applications received after June 1st, will require reimbursement of the annual fee, subsequent to the Board of Commissioners dissolving the Streetlight District. (Ord. of 7-21-09)

2. Coweta County Streetlight District Procedures.
   a. The object of the Coweta County Street Lighting Program is to illuminate the streets of participating developments in accordance with standards of the American National
Standard Practice for Roadway Lighting, 1973. It is not the objective of this program to illuminate private property.

b. The Coweta County Street Lighting Program will be administered by the County Planning Department.

c. There are two power companies servicing Coweta County: Georgia Power Company and Coweta Fayette EMC. Their rates may vary slightly. Georgia Power and Coweta Fayette EMC installs the high pressure “sodium” (14,500 lumen); both companies will utilize existing poles as much as possible. Spacing between lights will vary from two hundred fifty (250) feet to five hundred (500) feet, or approximately every other utility pole. The cost of the poles, lights, and installation will be worked out between the residents and the utility companies. Verification of the installation charges paid by the community will have to be submitted by letter from the utility company to the Planning Department.

d. Property owners within a streetlight district will be billed annually on their county tax bill for the previous year’s use of lights. Cost for street lighting will be forty-eight (48) dollars per year, per lot, or four (4) dollars per month. (Ord. of 7-21-09)

e. The following is a schedule of payments that an applicant must pay initially if the streetlight district is received after January 1, for the first year:

- January $48.00 per lot
- February $44.00 per lot
- March $40.00 per lot
- April $36.00 per lot
- May $32.00 per lot
- June $28.00 per lot
- July $24.00 per lot
- August $20.00 per lot
- September $16.00 per lot
- October $12.00 per lot
- November $  8.00 per lot
- December $  4.00 per lot

(Ord. of 7-21-09)

f. If there are less than one hundred (100) percent contributories, the applicant will have to bear the cost of the remaining lots where the petition was disapproved or refused.

3. Requirements for Approval of a Streetlight District. In order for a proposed Streetlight District to be considered for approval, the following steps are necessary:

a. Obtain a petition from the Coweta County Planning Department.

b. All residents and property owners of the proposed district must be contacted and the applicant must submit petitions for each lot - eighty (80) percent participation is required. For those residents not wishing to participate, indication of disapproval or refuse to sign must be noted on their petition. If both husband and wife are joint legal owners, both signatures will be required - the “Mr. & Mrs.” signature is not acceptable. Each resident/owner must sign individually. In the event a property owner cannot be personally contacted, the receipt from a registered letter will be accepted. For those residents that rent or lease their home, a copy of the rent or lease agreement must be
submitted with their petition. The resident(s) signature on the petition must coincide with
the name(s) on the rent or lease agreement. No signatures may be withdrawn from the
petition after it is filed with the County Planning Office. The purpose of the witness’s
signature is to verify the property owner’s/resident’s signature, if in question.

c. The completed petitions shall be returned to the Planning Department where they will be
checked to ensure requirements compliance. Petitions will be returned to the applicant if
they do not meet all requirements. Petitions meeting requirements will be presented to
the Board of Commissioners at an official bimonthly meeting for approval or
disapproval.

d. The representative of the group requested approval for a proposed Streetlight District and
returning petitions to the Planning Department must also furnish the following:

i. Three (3) copies of the final plat of the development. These plats may be obtained
   from the Clerk of Court Office, Coweta County Court House, Newnan, Georgia.

ii. Application fee for a Streetlight District. The fee shall be seventy-five (75) dollars,
    plus five (5) dollars per lot. In addition the first year’s payment if the Streetlight
    District request is received after January 1st for the first year.

iii. A letter from the utility company stating that the installation for the streetlights has
    been paid for and the number of lights for which the county will receive billing.
Coweta County  
Petition for Streetlight Districts

I/We, the undersigned, being property owner(s) of lot #________within__________Development, do hereby petition the Coweta County Board of Commissioners to establish our community as a streetlight district.

I/We do hereby pledge and consent to the levying of a lien by Coweta County against property I/we own for the purpose of payment of my/our pro-rata share of the cost of operating the street lights in ____________Development if I/we fail to pay my/our portion of the cost. This petition represents __________________________ __________________________affirmative votes of this district to be effected in this request.

________________________________________
Print Name                        Signature of Property Owner(s)  Date

________________________________________
Print Name                        Signature of Lot Resident(s)   Date

Your signature on this petition indicates that you have read and fully understand all information.

Personally appeared before me a notary public, the undersigned affidavit, who says on oath that he/she is one of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument; that each of said witnesses signed the same as purported.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ Day of ____________________, ______.

________________________________________
(Subscribing Witness)

________________________________________
Notary Public  
Coweta County, State of Georgia
Coweta County
Application for Streetlight District
(Please Print)

Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________
Address of Applicant: ________________________________
Phone Number of Applicant: ________________________________
Streetlight District: _____________________________________________
Total # of Streetlights in District: ________________________________
Total # of Lots in District: ________________________________
Total # of Petitions Returned: ________________________________
The returned petitions represent ___________________________ of affirmative votes of the district.
Total amount of application fee submitted: ________________________________
Total amount of outstanding fees submitted: ________________________________
Name of Power Company serving the streetlights: ________________________________
Are the following attached?
Letter from Utility Company
Three (3) copies of the recorded plat of district.

/ 
Signature of Applicant Date

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Office Use Only
Date Received by the Planning Department: ________________________________
Petition to Remove Streetlight District

I/We, the undersigned, being property owner(s) of lot # ______ within ________________ Development, do hereby petition the Coweta County Board of Commissioners to remove our community as a streetlight district.

I/We do hereby pledge and consent to the levying of a lien by Coweta County against property I/we own for the purpose of payment of any outstanding or future costs associated with terminating this district. This petition represents ________________ affirmative votes of this district to be effected in this request.

__________________________________________
Print Name        Signature of Property Owner(s)        Date

__________________________________________
Print Name        Signature of Lot Resident(s)          Date

Your signature on this petition indicates that you have read and fully understand all information.

Personally appeared before me a notary public, the undersigned affidavit, who says on oath that he/she is one of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument; that each of said witnesses signed the same as purported.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ Day of ______________. __________.

__________________________
(Subscribing Witness)

__________________________
Notary Public
Coweta County, State of Georgia
Coweta County
Application for Streetlight District Removal
(Please Print)

Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________

Address of Applicant: __________________________________________

Phone Number of Applicant: ____________________________________

Streetlight District: ____________________________________________

Total # of Streetlights in District: ________________________________

Total # of Lots in District: ______________________________________

Total # of Petitions Returned: ________________________________

The returned petitions represent ______________________ of affirmative votes of the district.

Total amount of application fee submitted: ________________________

Total amount of outstanding fees submitted: _______________________

Name of Power Company serving the streetlights: ____________________

Are the following attached?

Application Fees

Property Owner Petitions

/ ___________________________  ____________________________

Signature of Applicant Date

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Office Use Only

Date Received by the Planning Department: _________________________