

RESOLUTION G2018-41

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIGHTING DISTRICT POLICY FOR
SYMME TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Township Trustees have discussed the need to adopt lighting district policies for all subdivision lots or parcels who currently have lighting throughout their subdivision or future subdivisions or parcels along a defined area;

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has provided a policy for the board to review and it was discussed at the work session meeting in March of 2018 and again in April of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, has reviewed the new Lighting District Policy which includes how lots or parcels are to be assessed per ORC Section 515.08; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommends the adoption of this new policy in order to ensure that lighting districts are being assessed in a fair and consistent manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio:

- Section 1.** The Symmes Township Lighting District Policy attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A," is hereby adopted as the Lighting District Policy.
- Section 2.** The Lighting District Policy shall replace and supersede any other formal or informal practice or procedure now in place with regard to lighting districts and how the lighting costs are assessed.
- Section 3.** The Lighting District Policy shall be reviewed as needed.
- Section 4.** Upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.
- Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.
- Section 6.** Finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committee that resulted in such formal actions were taken in

meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without limitation) Ohio Revised Code §121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

ADOPTED MAY 1, 2018 – RESOLUTION G2018-41

Vote Record: Mr. Bryant ____ Mr. Beck ____ Ms. Leis ____

BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:

Kenneth N. Bryant, President

Philip J. Beck, Vice-President

Jodie L. Leis, Trustee

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carol A. Sims, Fiscal Officer

Kevin McDonough, Law Director

SYMMES TOWNSHIP
LIGHTING DISTRICT ASSESSMENT POLICY

Lighting Districts

1. All subdivisions, developments, or streets where lights have been requested by residents or the developer shall be assessed for the costs of the light fixtures, wires, poles, and electric. Lighting requests shall be in accordance with Section 515 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Lighting District Assessment Policy

1. Each subdivision shall be billed for all or any of the following: electric, poles or fixtures.
2. The assessments shall be made and levied in an equal amount against each benefitted lot or parcel which is determined by dividing the total cost per annual installment by the number of benefitted lots in the district (Section 515.08 of the ORC).
3. All lots or parcels shall be reviewed annually by Administration prior to June 1 each year to check for changes in parcels or lots (splits or lot combinations).
4. All changes shall be made to each district and filed with the Township Trustees for review prior to the September meeting each year.
5. All assessments shall be approved by the Board of Trustees annually and filed with the County Auditor's Office by the deadline set by the Auditor of September 30th.
6. If the costs for the lighting district increases or there is a missed assessment, the Board of Trustees may make such additional assessments that are necessary to the pay the additional cost of the lights.