

Shading of Streetlights

Head of Power

Local Government Act 2009

Objective

To address the concerns of residents when a streetlight glare problem is reported and determine the need for a streetlight shade, taking into consideration the general standard of lighting in the area, traffic safety and needs of pedestrians.

Definitions

Shade means screen excluding or moderating light.

Freehold land means land held by owner in absolute possession.

Streetlighting Authority's Fee means standard charge for streetlighting glare treatments, reviewed as required by the Streetlighting Authority and endorsed by the Queensland Competition Authority.

Application

This policy applies to streetlights which existed prior to the requestor's occupation of the residence and new streetlight installations arranged by developers or Council. It applies to all roads and pathways controlled by Moreton Bay Regional Council, but not to streetlights on declared main roads or private roads on freehold land.

Policy Statement

Installation of new streetlights is arranged by developers and Council to provide illumination of paths; illumination of the carriageway and to provide security for properties.

Streetlights installed as a condition of development will be in accordance with Australian Standard 1158 "Lighting for Roads & Public Spaces" and Council's Streetlighting Guidelines. When new streetlights are approved and installed as part of a new subdivision or development, consideration must be given to the potential impact of glare on any adjacent existing residences.

Where light from a streetlight is causing excessive nuisance to a resident, then the resident can request installation of a shade.

Council undertakes the investigation and administration functions associated with streetlight shading requests, in accordance with the fee shown each year in Council's Fees & Charges Schedule. Installation of approved shading to any street light which is the subject of this policy, will be undertaken by Energex or their authorised agent on payment of the Streetlighting Authority's fee.

An assessment of the streetlight and surrounding area is required. Before agreeing to the shading of streetlights, consideration will be given to the general standard of lighting in the area, traffic safety and needs of pedestrians.

The outcome of the investigation will ascertain whether a shade is required, the type of shade and who is responsible for payment of the relevant fees.

Shading will be at the resident's cost where:

- The streetlights existed prior to the requestor's occupation of the residence;
- Circumstances relating to private property have caused the nuisance e.g. removal of trees from private property, building alterations etc;
- New lamps or bulbs are fitted to existing lights by the Streetlighting Authority during routine maintenance.

If works carried out or requested by Council have caused the nuisance, shading will be at Council's cost.

When new streetlights, installed as part of a new subdivision or development, cause excessive nuisance to existing adjacent residences, shading will be at the Developer's cost.

Related Documents

This Policy complements and is to be implemented in conjunction with other Council policies, directives and relevant documents published by other agencies including, but not limited to:

MBRC Shading of Streetlights Policy Directive 10-2160-018

Review and evaluation

This policy will be reviewed for applicability, effectiveness, and consistency with relevant legislation, Council resolutions, and other Council documents.

A review of this policy will occur by June 2023.

Responsibility

This Policy is to be:

- (1) implemented by the Asset Management Manager; and
- (2) reviewed and amended in accordance with the "Review Triggers" by the Director, Infrastructure Planning.

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