




City of Tigard Memorandum

To: Members of the Public

From: Brian Rager, Public Works Director 

Re: Street Light Requirement – PGE Option B

Date: January 22, 2020

Effective January 27, 2020, the City will once again require PGE Option B (City-owned, PGE-maintained) street lights on all projects.

Several years ago, PGE made the decision to remove Option B from the list of services they provided. Prior to that, the City had installed Option B street lights on all developer and capital projects. When PGE eliminated Option B, agencies were left to select either Option A (PGE-owned/maintained) or Option C (City-owned/maintained). At the time, the City determined Option A was the best fit due to staffing resources.

Over the past several years, the City has incurred substantial costs from the construction of Option A street lights as part of developer and capital improvement projects. Under Option A, the City is required to pay a monthly rental fee for each installed light. These costs are not incurred on Option B lights, which are paid for outright by the project.

PGE has recently elected to start allowing Option B installations again. This model results in a lower cost to the City operations budget and is consistent with the City's original preferred manner of street light ownership and maintenance. As such, the City will now require all projects to install Option B street lights.

The effective date for this change is **January 27, 2020**, and will apply to all:

- Development projects with land use permit applications received on or after that date.
- Capital improvement projects where design work begins on or after that date.