

Street Light User Fee Initiated

At the September 22 meeting, the Richfield City Council approved the collection of a Street Light User Fee. The fee is part of a plan to retain essential services and reacting to cuts in Richfield's Local Government Aid from the State of Minnesota. In addition to the initiation of a Street Light User Fee, the City Council eliminated positions and reduced services.

What is a Street Light User Fee?

Cities implement Street Light User Fees to recover operating costs for street light systems. The fee structure for Richfield's Street Light User Fee is based on the benefits received by each property from the street light system. The money collected from this fee will be used to pay for street light operating costs.

What is the Rate Structure?

The rate structure is the same as it was in the mid 1990's when the Street Light User Fee was in effect. All single family residential properties pay the same rate. Residential and Commercial property pay the same rate per acre assuming 5 residential lots per acre. Using a base fee for single family homes of \$5.19 per quarter, Commercial property is then charged \$25.95 per acre. Schools and churches are charged 25% of the commercial rate due to large land parcels that do not have streets and street lights on the interior of the property.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Chris Link, Operations Manager Streets/Forestry at 612-861-9174.