

Cameron County Street Light Program Enrollment Checklist



Eligibility Requirements

- The community must be in an unincorporated area of Cameron County.
- A designated Community Leader must be appointed to coordinate the petition process.
- A minimum of 90% of property owners in the designated area must sign the petition.

Enrollment Process & Timeline

Step 1: Initiate Enrollment

- The Community Leader contacts the Community Services Department (CS Dept.) to express interest.
- CS Dept. schedules an initial meeting with the Community Leader to:
 - Explain the program and enrollment requirements.
 - Provide community maps and a list of property owners.
 - Determine the exact number of petition signatures required.

Step 2: Petition & Community Engagement

- Community Leader collects signatures from at least 90% of property owners.
- The completed petition is submitted to the CS Dept. for review and verification.
 - Verification process takes approximately one (1) month.

Step 3: Feasibility Assessment

- Utility company representative, Community Leader, CS Dept. staff, Precinct Commissioner, and residents conduct a neighborhood walkthrough to assess feasibility, determine amounts of streetlights needed.

Step 4: Consideration & Approval

- CS Dept. submits the verified petition to the Cameron County Commissioner's Court for review.
- Commissioner's Court schedules a hearing date for petition consideration.
 - Community members are encouraged to attend the Commissioner's Court meeting and provide public comments.
- If the petition is approved, CS Dept. prepares cost agreements for infrastructure and energy services.
- Commissioner's Court reviews and approves infrastructure cost agreements and energy service agreements.
- Upon final approval, CS Dept. coordinates with the utility company for installation planning.

Step 5: Installation & Activation

- Streetlight installation begins following Commissioner's Court approval.
- Lights are turned on at the start of the fiscal year (October 1st of the enrollment cycle).

Step 6: Maintenance & Billing

- Property owners are billed through the Cameron County Tax Office.
- Annual property tax statements include streetlight infrastructure and energy costs.
- Communities must maintain compliance with billing obligations to keep lights operational.

Key Deadlines

- **Enrollment Cycle:** October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026
- **Service Activation Date:** October 1, 2026

For additional information, contact Community Services at (956) 550-1354 or (956) 982-5422, or email community.services@co.cameron.tx.us.