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West Michigan's Shoreline City  
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Dear Property Owners,

Attached to this letter, you will find a public hearing notice. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the creation of a special assessment district to upgrade the street lighting in the City of Muskegon to energy efficient LED fixtures.

Over the past decade, we have removed many street lights from our neighborhoods because the cost to operate them had grown to be unmanageable. The result has been many darkened streets, especially in the middle of our residential blocks. While the cost for the remaining lights continues to rise, we are faced with the removal of additional lights in order to offset those costs at a time when residents regularly request *more* lighting be installed.

At city hall, we have made neighborhood quality of life a top priority. Lighting is a critical component to this process, and we look to take the first step in ensuring adequate lighting in all of our neighborhoods, as it will help improve the safety, walkability, livability, and overall quality of life of our residents.

We propose this special assessment in order to raise the funds necessary to upgrade the existing 2,900 lights. The cost to complete the city-wide upgrade is approximately \$2.73 Million. We expect to complete it over a five year period, but will spread the cost to property owners over a 10 year period. With the \$2.73 Million being spread over 10 years, the affected parcels (approximately 14,482) will be assessed approximately \$18.85 each year. The cumulative cost savings to the general fund over the first 15 years is expected to reach more than \$5 Million compared to the current lighting technology; this is a great return on investment for our residents.

After weighing many different options, the City is asking that our property owners support this street light assessment. Your elected and appointed officials are focused on improving safety, walkability, livability, and overall quality of life throughout our great city. Lighting is only one component of this commitment. Please consider supporting this special assessment as we all strive to make Muskegon the very best community in West Michigan.

A list of potential *frequently asked questions* is included in this mailing, and we have also set up a webpage dedicated to this process, where you can find answers to some questions as well as review the preliminary project plans and cost estimates: [www.shorelinecity.com/LED](http://www.shorelinecity.com/LED).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Peterson".

Franklin Peterson  
City Manager

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