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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Yard Lighting Rebate Program Area Expanded**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque City Council recently approved the expansion of the Washington Neighborhood Yard Lighting Initiative to include neighborhoods east of the bluffs area as well the city's low/moderate income neighborhoods.

The lighting initiative was developed to enhance public safety and allows property owners in these areas to apply for a partial rebate of the purchase and installation costs of energy-efficient lighting fixtures for their front and/or backyard. The program was first offered in the Washington Neighborhood in 2008. The expansion follows a recommendation of the Safe Community Task Force for the City to create ways to encourage people to light up their own property and surrounding public property.

For front yard lighting, property owners are eligible for a rebate of up to half of \$500 (\$250 maximum) toward the cost of purchase and installation of energy-efficient electric, gas, or permanent solar lighting fixtures installed. The light fixture must be in close proximity to the public sidewalk and at least partially light the public sidewalk.

Property owners are also eligible for a rebate of up to half of \$200 (\$100 maximum) toward the cost of purchase and installation of energy-efficient electric, gas, or permanent solar lighting fixtures installed in their back yard. The light fixtures may also be attached to the rear of the home or to the owner's garage on the alley. The light fixture must be in close proximity to the alley and at least partially light the alley. Motion-sensitive lighting fixtures and fixtures using incandescent bulbs are not eligible. City permits and inspections by the Building Services Department are required for this program.

For additional information and to view a map of eligible neighborhoods, please visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/yardlighting](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/yardlighting). To participate, please contact the Building Services Department at 589-4150 or [building@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:building@cityofdubuque.org).

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