

Petition to the Salisbury Mayor and City Council

Request for Immediate Street Repair and Street Light Replacements in the Spring Chase Neighborhood

Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

As residents deeply impacted by the current horrible condition of our local streets, we can no longer sit by and watch **the deterioration occurring in the Spring Chase neighborhood**. Our streets are filled with cracks, creating potential dangers for pedestrians, with grass and weeds growing within the cracks themselves. This issue not only affects the aesthetic appeal but, more importantly, it poses a real tripping hazard to residents walking around this area. The safety concerns for our neighborhood are further **stressed due to inadequate and malfunctioning street lights**.

Our community, which consists of [**number of residents**], should be a safe haven where residents feel secure in their movements around the neighborhood. However, the crumbling status of our roads is undermining this safety with every piece of undergrowth, every crack and crevice. Inadequate lighting at night affects both drivers and pedestrians.

Ignoring these issues any longer could lead to potential accidents or injuries - a burden no citizen should have to bear in their own neighborhood.

In February 2009, the City of Salisbury determined that the existing street lights could not continue to be repaired. Spring Chase agreed and authorized the city to replace 14 existing lights with “Cobra Style” lights. That money was initially budgeted in the five-year capital budget and then removed. In 2014, Spring Chase Community requested street paving in addition to street lights. The city responded by including Spring Chase in a five-year capital improvement plan proposal. Once again, this was removed.

The homeowners of Spring Chase pay city property tax in equal evaluation to all other homeowners and, therefore, should receive equal attention. Unfortunately, our calls for attention to this matter have gone unheeded.

We ask that the Salisbury Mayor and Council turn their attention **NOW** to the street disrepair and street light needs in Spring Chase and take action **NOW** to include needed repairs in the upcoming City budget. We also ask that planned maintenance of these streets and lights be included in future annual infrastructure budgets. Please take these decisive actions to mend our crumbling infrastructure before it causes damage or injury.

Respectfully submitted by the HOA Board of Directors and residents of the Spring Chase as signed below. For additional information, please contact:

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