

Architectural – External Lighting Fixture – Front Post Light

What if the Front Light Post light is not lit? What could be the causes?

Note: the following discusses The HAMLETS front post light electrical configuration and components for insight; consult a certified electrician for further guidance and repair if deemed. The following are possible issues that could be causing the Front Post Light to not light.

1. The bulb is burnt out – replace the bulb (main cause/remedy)
2. The Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) circuit needs reset; but if this circuit was tripped other lights in the master bath would normally not be working either and in many of the homes the front external plug on the front of the house may also be part of the circuit.
3. The Fuse box breaker needs reset; but if this circuit was tripped other lights in the master bath would normally not be working either and in many of the homes the front external plug on the front of the house may also be part of the circuit.
4. The external photocell installed on the foundation at the front of the house may no longer be working. (this has happened with other Lot's in the community)
5. The light fixture on the pole could be malfunctioning
6. Other more complex wiring issues could be the cause

Background - The HAMLETS Front Post Light fixture is electronically configured through an external photocell sensor and an internal Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) circuit.

External Photocell / GFCI / Panel Location – the photocell is installed on the front foundation of the house about 1 foot up from the ground to the right or left of the front porch usually between the front door steps and garage depending on configuration of house. The GFCI outlet (is most commonly in the Master Bath near the sink) and the panel is in the garage.



Photocell



GFCI Outlet



Breaker Panel

Photocell Replacement – shown below is the (Defiant brand) photocell sold at Home Depot – (Aisle 30, Bay 18) located on Liberia Avenue, Manassas. You can purchase just the photocell or with the plate; approxiamte cost is \$11-13 (as of 9/16).



Installation – consult an electrician or self-install, but note the **Power must be TURNED OFF etc.** Remove the external plate and most photocells have three wires to configure.



With Reference to: Rules and Regulations of The HAMLETS

IV. Architectural Guidelines and Regulations

(1) Architectural Guidelines and Regulations; Restrictive Covenants

(K). Required external lighting fixtures as placed and installed by the original builder, are the front sidewalk light post, front door entrance light(s) dependent upon model, light between garage doors, and lights adjacent to any/all rear door exits. **Front light posts are to be operational defined as a lit bulb and electronic sensor maintained in working order.**

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