

Recent Legislative Bills Affecting the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act

2011 Legislative Bills

House Bill 460: Updates definitions of townhouse/townhome and provides that townhouses may be exempt from subdivision review under certain provisions of the Unit Ownership Act.

Senate Bill 298: Provides that governing bodies cannot deny a subdivision based solely on the fact that parcels in the subdivision are within the Wildland Urban Interface.

House Bill 522: Allows the 3-year preliminary plat approval period to be extended to a time period mutually agreed upon by the governing body and subdivider.

House Bill 403: Allows for permanently protecting open space parcels in clustered or conservation subdivisions by creation of any irrevocable covenant prohibiting further development, not just conservation easements.

2009 Legislative Bills

Senate Bill 305: Adds provisions of an 80 working-day review period for subdivisions with more than 50 lots.

House Bill 486: Provided for numerous minor procedural amendments.