

2024 Subdivision Revisions



Access for Public Parks

Purpose for Recommended Changes

The purposes of these regulations are to promote the public health, safety and general welfare by the promotion of adequate open spaces for travel, light, air, and recreation. MCA 76-3-501 (1.b)

PROS

minimum public street frontage for public parks

- ❖ *Promotes public health by enhancing access to parks*
- ❖ *Increases natural surveillance of public park spaces = public safety*
- ❖ *Improves access for proper maintenance of parks*
- ❖ *Improves neighborhood "ownership" of park space - vandalism and other crime is reduced*
- ❖ *Eliminates perceptions of fear or opportunities for crime to occur*
- ❖ *Reduces the number of isolated places where crime can take place unseen*

CONS

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- ❖ *Up-front cost will increase cost of new lots*
- ❖ *Parks will have to maintain more street frontage*
- ❖ *Fewer public parks in new subdivisions (builder chooses cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication)*
- ❖ *Fewer public parks will increase social isolation and loneliness*
- ❖ *Fewer public parks will decrease public health by reducing recreational activity*

Recommendation

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Planning staff recommends the adoption of minimum street frontage for public parks in subdivisions - Section 23-1002.C.1

