

2024 Subdivision Revisions



Requiring Street Lighting



Purpose for Recommended Changes

The purposes of these regulations are to promote the public health, safety and general welfare by reducing the risk from accidents, and increase safety by providing a well-lit public space in neighborhoods

MCA 76-2-501 (1.b)

PROS

install street lights at the time of development

- *Cuts crime by increasing natural surveillance of public activity on the street*
- *Lowers accidents by increasing visibility of potential walking or driving hazards*
- *Reduced cost to install at start of development*
- *Energy efficient options - e.g solar, motion sensors, led lighting*
- *Provides a safe space for walking or arriving home after work, school or recreation*
- *Increased property value and marketability*
- *Builds neighborhood cohesion*

CONS

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- *Up front costs passed on to home buyers*
- *On going cost of maintenance and energy to home owner*
- *Decreased night sky visibility*
- *Disruptive for some wildlife*
- *Incorrect choice of lighting fixture can cause glare*
- *Natural sleep/wake cycles for people may be disrupted*



Recommendation

Recommendation: *Planning staff recommends requiring the installation of street lights on public or private streets in new residential subdivisions Section 23-406.B.14*

