

# 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*

