WHAT WE'RE DOING

• We’re writing an Outdoor Lighting Ordinance with input from City and County staff, the City Police Crime Prevention Officer, lighting professionals, and other citizens.

• We’re researching ordinances used by towns and cities across Montana and the United States.

• We’re visiting with community and business groups to discuss outdoor lighting and the drafting of this ordinance.

• We’re coordinating the lighting ordinance language with existing city and county codes.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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DEVELOPING AN OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE FOR MISSOULA

The Missoula City Council has appointed a Public Safety and Health subcommittee to develop an Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

This committee includes City Council members, lighting professionals, consultants, and other members of the public.

Please contact us if you have questions or comments, or if you would like to attend our meetings.

We’re working to develop an Outdoor Lighting Ordinance that will reflect the community’s needs.

— For more information —
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THE NEED

Improper application of outdoor lighting wastes energy and money. A Lighting Ordinance will provide standards for appropriate lighting.

Excessive or unshielded light causes glare at night, creating hazardous situations for roadway users.

High contrast between lit and unlit areas reduces security. Appropriate lighting helps home and business owners and police keep Missoula safe.

Unwanted light glaring into homes and yards intrudes on the enjoyment of private property.

THE PURPOSE

Reduce energy waste and save money through the appropriate selection, placement, and amount of outdoor lighting.

Enhance nighttime safety by reducing glare on public roads for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

-Improve security for home and business owners and assist police by eliminating excessive contrast between lit and unlit areas.

Enhance the quality of life in Missoula with outdoor lighting installations that prevent light spillover.

WHAT THE ORDINANCE WILL NOT DO

★ It will not require immediate compliance for existing lighting installations.

★ It will not require unusual, complicated, or expensive lighting systems.

★ It will not require specific brands or types of fixtures. Designers and installers will have a full range of fixtures to suit their needs.

★ It will not prohibit the use of lighting to enhance architectural design and other creative uses.

★ It will not restrict temporary uses of outdoor lighting such as holiday, special event, or construction site lighting.

An Outdoor Lighting Ordinance based on national standards will address these problems.

Make Missoula an even better place to live.

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