



**City of Missoula, Montana  
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

**Committee:** Budget and Finance Committee

**Item:** Street Lighting Improvement District Assessments for fiscal year 2023

**Date:** July 21, 2022

**Sponsor(s):** Marty Rehbein, Legislative Services Director/City Clerk

**Prepared by:** Same

**Ward(s) Affected:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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**Action Required:**

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution

**Timeline and Recommended Motions:**

Committee discussion: July 27, 2022

Council votes to set public hearing: August 8, 2022

Recommended motion: Set a public hearing on August 29, 2022s, on a resolution of the Missoula City Council levying and assessing a special assessment and tax on the lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within all special lighting districts of the City of Missoula, Montana, in the amount of \$269,457.00 to defray the cost of street lighting in special lighting districts during the fiscal year 2023.

Public Hearing: August 29, 2022

Final Consideration: August 29, 2022

Recommended motion: (Adopt/Deny) a resolution of the Missoula City Council levying and assessing a special assessment and tax on the lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within all special lighting districts of the City of Missoula, Montana, in the amount of \$269,457.00 to defray the cost of street lighting in special lighting districts during the fiscal year 2023.

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

Each year, the city levies assessments to pay for the costs of street lighting in the street lighting improvement districts (SLIDs) located throughout the city. The City's Road District Number 1 fund pays for 10% of the costs of lighting and property owners are assessed the remaining 90%. The city charges an administrative fee to cover the staff time to bill and process assessment payments. This year the city anticipates a 5% increase in street lighting rates from Northwestern Energy.

During fiscal year (FY) 2021, Northwestern Energy installed LED lighting in many of the lighting fixtures in the City's lighting district reducing energy consumption and the amount billed in many lighting districts. Public Works and Mobility has mapped lighting fixtures in the City's lighting districts and found gaps in street lighting from house to house and block to block. After performing an analysis in fiscal year 2022, PWM determined the savings accrued in each district wasn't sufficient to

address gaps in lighting. For fiscal year 2023, City administration is recommending applying 50% of the savings accrued in FY 21, and applying the remaining 50% savings in FY 24.

**Financial Implications:**

This year's assessment is \$269,457.00. Last year's assessment was \$368,471.00, a 27% decrease.

**Links to external websites:**