

The iLamp Effect

Imagine a neighbourhood with above average crime, where after dark the streets feel unsafe and are inadequately lit.

People avoid the area, the perceived danger deters people from frequenting local businesses, which in turn close earlier or shutter permanently. The neighborhood loses its vibrancy and appeal, leading to declining property values and further disinvestment. People leave for brighter pastures.

Now imagine iLamp's are installed, their enhanced lighting and cameras begin to deter crime, first due to the lighting, monitoring, and then due to the larger presence of people who now feel safe walking the streets.

This reduction in crime leads to a domino effect: as people feel safer, they are more likely to walk around, visit local businesses, and participate in community activities. This increased presence of people further deters criminal behavior, creating a safer and more welcoming environment.

Better street lighting also contributes to road safety. Well lit streets significantly reduce the likelihood of traffic accidents and pedestrian casualties. Emergency services, including police, firefighters, and medical personnel, benefit from improved visibility, allowing them to navigate the area more

efficiently and locate incidents quickly. This enhanced response capability saves lives and mitigate the severity of emergencies.

As safety improves, the community begins to experience a revival. People start to move into the area, attracted by the now safer and more appealing environment. This influx of residents drives up property values and stimulates the local economy. Businesses extend their operating hours, taking advantage of the increased foot traffic and nighttime activity. Public transportation becomes more accessible and reliable, allowing residents to shop, socialize, and commute safely after dark.

iLamp is not only functional, but aesthetically pleasing. They can be positioned to highlight architectural features and are designed to minimize light pollution, creating a pleasant nighttime atmosphere.

iLamp modules make each lamp future proof, and can tailored to the community's needs. For instance, environmental sensors can help allergy sufferers by providing real-time air quality data. Other modules can offer early warnings for forest fires, gas leaks, and weather events, enhancing overall safety and preparedness.

This story is backed by the hard evidence of communities that have undergone this transformation and could be happening all over Houston.

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To find out more about a specific neighbourhood, visit iLampTexas.com.