

## **Ordinance No. 1668(19)**

### **An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, Adding Chapter 12.38 to the Lompoc Municipal Code Wireless Communications Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council may make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 36937(b) authorizes the adoption of an urgency ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety; and

**WHEREAS**, significant changes in Federal and State law that affect local authority over wireless communications facilities (WCFs) have occurred, including but not limited to the following:

- i. On November 18, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a declaratory ruling (the 2009 Shot Clock), which established presumptively reasonable timeframes for State and local governments to act on applications for WCFs.
- ii. On February 22, 2012, Congress adopted Section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act (Section 6409(a)), which mandated that State and local governments approve certain modifications and collocations to existing WCFs, known as eligible facilities requests.
- iii. On October 17, 2014, the FCC adopted a report and order that, among other things, implemented new limitations on how State and local governments review applications covered by Section 6409(a), established an automatic approval for such applications when the local reviewing authority fails to act within 60 days, and also further restricted generally applicable procedural rules under the 2009 Shot Clock.
- iv. On October 9, 2015, California adopted Assembly Bill No. 57 (Quirk), which deemed approved any WCF applications when the local reviewing authority fails to act within the 2009 Shot Clock timeframes.
- v. On August 2, 2018, the FCC adopted a declaratory ruling that formally prohibited express and de facto moratoria for all telecommunications services and facilities under 47 U.S.C. § 253(a).
- vi. On September 26, 2018, the FCC adopted a declaratory ruling and report and order that, among other things, creates a new regulatory classification for small wireless facilities (SWFs), requires State and local governments to process applications for SWFs within 60 days or 90 days, establishes a

national standard for an effective prohibition and provides that a failure to act within the applicable timeframe presumptively constitutes an effective prohibition; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the changes described above, new Federal laws and regulations that drastically alter local authority over WCFs are currently pending, including without limitation, the following:

- i. On March 30, 2017, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84) and has acted on some of the noticed issues referenced above, but may adopt forthcoming rulings and/or orders that further limit local authority over wireless facilities deployment.
- ii. On June 28, 2018, United States Senator John Thune introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation the "STREAMLINE Small Cell Deployment Act" (S. 3157) that, among other things, would apply specifically to small cell WCFs and require local governments to review applications based on objective standards, shorten the 2009 Shot Clock timeframes, require all proceedings to occur within the 2009 Shot Clock timeframes, and provide a "deemed granted" remedy for failure to act within the applicable 2009 Shot Clock; and

**WHEREAS**, Given the rapid and significant changes in Federal and State law, the actual and effective prohibition on moratoria to amend local policies in response to such changes and the significant adverse consequences for noncompliance with Federal and State law, the City Council desires to add Chapter 12.38 to the Lompoc Municipal Code, entitled "WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY" to allow greater flexibility and responsiveness to the new Federal and State laws while still preserving the City's traditional authority to the maximum extent practicable; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Lompoc deems it necessary to adopt an urgency ordinance pursuant to Government Code Section 36937(b) to add regulations to the Lompoc Municipal Code to regulate the placement of SWFs and WCFs in the public rights-of-way, finding the urgency to do so based upon the following facts:

- i. The global wireless telecommunications industry has developed and is starting to install SWFs primarily in public rights-of-way. SWFs are designed to accommodate "5G" technology. Wireless telecommunications providers have made inquiries with the City of Lompoc and other California cities about installing SWFs in municipal rights-of-way, and some other California cities are already receiving applications for such facilities.
- ii. The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 preempts and declares invalid all state and local rules that restrict entry or limit competition in both local and long-distance telephone service, and the FCC has adopted regulations for the implementation of that Act.

- iii. Section 7901 of the California Public Utilities Code authorizes telephone and telegraph corporations to construct telephone or telegraph lines along and upon any public road or highway, along or across any of the waters or lands within this state, and to erect poles, posts, piers, or abatements for supporting the insulators, wires, and other necessary fixtures of their lines, in such manner and at such points as not to incommode the public use of the road or highway or interrupt the navigation of the waters.
- iv. Section 7901.1 of the California Public Utilities Code confirms the right of municipalities to exercise reasonable control as to the time, place, and manner in which roads, highways, and waterways are accessed, which control must be applied to all entities in an equivalent manner and may involve the imposition of fees.
- v. The FCC adopted its FCC Ruling expressly to “reduce regulatory barriers to the deployment of wireless infrastructure and to ensure that our nation remains the leader in advanced wireless services and wireless technology.” (FCC Ruling, ¶29.) The FCC Ruling is intended to facilitate the spread, growth, and accumulation of SWFs over a short period of time in order to enable deployment of technology that the FCC Ruling claims will enable increased competition in healthcare, Internet of Things applications, lifesaving car technologies, and creation of jobs.
- vi. SWFs are primarily installed within public rights-of-way and as such create significant and far-reaching local concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety, land use conflicts and incompatibilities including excessive height of poles and towers; creation of visual and aesthetic blights arising from excessive size, heights, noise or lack of camouflaging of wireless facilities including the associated pedestals, meters, equipment and power generators, and protection and preservation of public property, all of which may negatively impact the unique quality and character of the City and the public health, safety and welfare thereof. Accordingly, regulating the installation of SWFs in the public right-of-way is necessary to protect and preserve the aesthetics in the community, as well as the values of properties within the City.
- vii. The FCC Ruling sets forth new standards for state and local government regulations of SWFs, which standards restrict the aesthetic requirements that localities can imposed upon such facilities. Any aesthetic standard adopted by cities must be: (1) reasonable, (2) no more burdensome than those applied to other types of infrastructure deployments, and (3) objective and published in advance.
- viii. That portion of the FCC Ruling requiring aesthetic standards for SWFs to be reasonable, no more burdensome than on other infrastructure, and objective and pre-published, goes into effect April 15, 2019. Standards that are not published in advance of that date will not be enforceable as to any

application incoming to the City until proper standards are published. Ad hoc aesthetic standards are not enforceable. Cities that have aesthetic, spacing, or undergrounding standards currently in place may continue to judge applications against their current standards. However, by April 15, cities may only enforce aesthetic, undergrounding and spacing standards that are reasonable, no more burdensome than those applied to other types of infrastructure deployments, and objective and published in advance.

- ix. Without the immediate implementation through an urgency ordinance of regulations specific to the siting of SWFs in the public right-of-way, the City Council will be unable to adopt and implement such regulations before the April 15, 2019 effective date for design standards. SWFs could therefore be approved that are inconsistent with the regulations being developed by the City as permitted by federal and state laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The facts set forth in the recitals in this Ordinance are true and correct and incorporated by reference. The recitals constitute findings in this matter and, together with the staff report, other written reports, public testimony and other information contained in the record, are an adequate and appropriate evidentiary basis for the actions taken in the Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** The Ordinance is consistent with the City's General Plan, Municipal Code, Zoning Code and applicable Federal and State law.

**SECTION 3.** The Ordinance will not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare.

**SECTION 4.** The Ordinance is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly. The Ordinance does not authorize any specific development or installation on any specific piece of property within the City's boundaries. The Ordinance is further exempt from CEQA because the City Council's adoption of the Ordinance is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15061(b)(3)). Installations, if any, would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with either State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (replacement or reconstruction), State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (new construction or conversion of small structures), and/or State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (minor alterations to land).

**SECTION 5.** Based on the foregoing recitals and all facts of record stated before the City Council, the City Council finds and determines that the immediate preservation of the

public health, safety and welfare requires that this Ordinance be enacted as an urgency ordinance pursuant to Government Code Section 36937(b), and take effect immediately upon adoption.

- i. SWFs are primarily installed within public rights-of-way and as such create significant and far-reaching local concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety, land use conflicts and incompatibilities including excessive height of poles and towers; creation of visual and aesthetic blights arising from excessive size, heights, noise or lack of camouflaging of wireless facilities including the associated pedestals, meters, equipment and power generators, and protection and preservation of public property, all of which may negatively impact the unique quality and character of the City and the public health, safety and welfare thereof.
- ii. Accordingly, regulating the installation of SWFs in the public right-of-way is necessary to protect and preserve the aesthetics in the community, as well as the values of properties within the City.
- iii. However, that portion of the FCC Ruling requiring aesthetic standards for SWFs to be reasonable, no more burdensome than on other infrastructure, and objective and pre-published, goes into effect April 15, 2019. Standards that are not published in advance of that date will not be enforceable as to any application incoming to the City until proper standards are published.
- iv. Furthermore, pursuant to the FCC Ruling, new shortened Shot-Clocks have already taken effect with respect to SWFs (either 60 or 90 days for full determination upon each application, including all notice periods, supplemental permits, and appeal periods). These shorter timeframes leave the City with inadequate time and resources to timely process incoming SWF applications under federal law absent significant streamlining of the City's current practices and procedures. Therefore, it is of utmost need for the City to immediately establish a streamlined process for SWF application review.

Therefore, this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and its urgency is hereby declared.

**SECTION 6.** If the provisions in this Ordinance conflict in whole or in part with any other City regulation or ordinance adopted prior to the effective date of this Section, the provisions in this Ordinance will control.

**SECTION 7.** If any subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that they would have passed each subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof,

irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable.

**SECTION 8.** Chapter 12.38 shall be added to the Lompoc Municipal Code as follows:

**Chapter 12.38      WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE  
PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**12.38.010 Purpose and Intent**

The purpose and intent of this chapter is to provide a uniform and comprehensive set of regulations and standards for the permitting, development, siting, installation, design, operation and maintenance of wireless telecommunications facilities in the City's public right-of-way. These regulations are intended to prescribe clear and reasonable criteria to assess and process applications in a consistent and expeditious manner, while reducing the impacts associated with wireless telecommunications facilities. This chapter provides standards necessary (1) for the preservation of the public right-of-way (PROW) in the City for the maximum benefit and use of the public, (2) to promote and protect public health and safety, community welfare, visual resources and the aesthetic quality of the City consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the general plan, and (3) to provide for the orderly, managed and efficient development of wireless telecommunications facilities in accordance with the state and federal laws, rules and regulations, including those regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and (4) to ensure that the use and enjoyment of the PROW is not inconvenienced by the use of the PROW for the placement of wireless facilities. The City recognizes the importance of wireless facilities to provide high-quality communications service to the residents and businesses within the City, and the City also recognizes its obligation to comply with applicable federal and state laws. This chapter shall be constructed and applied in consistency with the provisions of state and federal laws, and the rules and regulations of FCC and CPUC. In the event of any inconsistency between any such laws, rules and regulations and this chapter, the laws, rules and regulations shall control.

**12.38.020 Definitions**

**Accessory equipment** means any and all on-site equipment, including, without limitation, back-up generators and power supply units, cabinets, coaxial and fiber optic cables, connections, equipment buildings, shelters, radio transceivers, transmitters, pedestals, splice boxes, fencing and shielding, surface location markers, meters, regular power supply units, fans, air conditioning units, cables and wiring, to which an antenna is attached in order to facilitate the provision of wireless telecommunication services.

**Antenna** means that specific device for transmitting and/or receiving radio frequency or other signals for purposes of wireless telecommunications services. Antenna is specific to the antenna portion of a wireless telecommunications facility.

**Antenna array** means two or more antennas having active elements extending in one or more directions, and directional antennas mounted upon and rotated through a vertical mast or tower interconnecting the beam and antenna support, all of which elements are deemed to be part of the antenna.

**Base station** has the meaning set forth in Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1.6100(b)(1), or any successor provision. This means a structure or equipment at a fixed location that enables FCC-licensed or authorized wireless communications between user equipment and a communications network (regardless of the technological configuration, and encompassing Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) and small cells). Base station does not encompass a tower or any equipment associated with a tower. Base station includes, without limitation:

1. Equipment associated with wireless communications services such as private, broadcast, and public safety services, as well as unlicensed wireless services and fixed wireless services such as microwave backhaul.
2. Radio transceivers, antennas, coaxial or fiber-optic cable, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable equipment, regardless of technological configuration (including DAS and small cells).
3. Any structure other than a tower that, at the time the relevant application is filed with the City under this chapter, supports or houses equipment described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this definition that has been reviewed and approved under the applicable zoning or siting process, or under another state or local regulatory review process, even if the structure was not built for the sole or primary purpose of providing that support.
4. Base station does not include any structure that, at the time the relevant application is filed under this chapter, does not support or house equipment described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this definition. Other structures that do not host wireless telecommunications facilities are not base stations.

As an illustration and not a limitation, the FCC's definition of base station refers to any structure that actually supports wireless equipment even though it was not originally intended for that purpose. Examples include, but are not limited to, wireless facilities mounted on buildings, utility poles, light standards or traffic signals. A structure without wireless equipment replaced with a new structure designed to bear the additional weight from wireless equipment constitutes a base station.

**Cellular** means an analog or digital wireless telecommunications technology that is based on a system of interconnected neighboring cell sites.

**Collocation** bears the following meanings:

1. For the purposes of any eligible facilities request, the same as defined by the FCC in 47 CFR Section 1.6100(b)(2), as may be amended, which

defines that term as “[t]he mounting or installation of transmission equipment on an eligible support structure for the purpose of transmitting and/or receiving radio frequency signals for communications purposes.” As an illustration and not a limitation, the FCC’s definition means to add transmission equipment to an existing facility and does not necessarily refer to two or more different facility operators in the same location; and

2. For all other purposes, the same as defined in 47 CFR Sections 1.6002(g)(1) and (2), as may be amended, which defines that term as (1) mounting or installing an antenna facility on a pre-existing structure, and/or (2) modifying a structure for the purpose of mounting or installing an antenna facility on that structure.

**Collocation facility** means the eligible support structure on, or immediately adjacent to, which a collocation is proposed, or a wireless telecommunications facility that includes collocation facilities. (See, Government Code Section 65850.6(d).)

**Community Development Director** means the Director of Community Development or his or her designee, or, in the absence of the Director of Community Development, the Planning Manager, or his or her designee.

**COW** means a cell on wheels, which is a portable, self-contained wireless telecommunications facility that can be moved to a location and set up to provide wireless telecommunication services, which facility is temporarily rolled in, or temporarily installed, at a location. Under this chapter, the maximum time a facility can be installed to be considered a COW is five (5) days. A COW is normally vehicle-mounted and contains a telescoping boom as the antenna support structure.

**Distributed antenna system or DAS** means a network of spatially separated antennas (nodes) connected to a common source (a hub) via a transport medium (often fiber optics) that provide wireless telecommunications service within a specific geographic area or building. DAS includes the transport medium, the hub, and any other equipment to which the DAS network or its antennas or nodes are connected to provide wireless telecommunication services.

**Eligible facilities request** means any request for modification to an existing eligible support structure that does not substantially change the physical dimensions of such structure, involving:

1. Collocation of new transmission equipment;
2. Removal of transmission equipment;
3. Replacement of transmission equipment (replacement does not include completely replacing the underlying support structure); or



4. Hardening through structural enhancement where such hardening is necessary to accomplish the eligible facilities request, but does not include replacement of the underlying support structure.

Eligible facilities request does not include modifications or replacements when an eligible support structure was constructed or deployed without proper local review, was not required to undergo local review, or involves equipment that was not properly approved. Eligible facilities request does include collocation facilities satisfying all the requirements for a non-discretionary collocation facility pursuant to Government Code Section 65850.6.

**Eligible support structure** means any support structure located in the PROW that is existing at the time the relevant application is filed with the City under this chapter.

**Existing** means a support structure, wireless telecommunications facility, or accessory equipment that has been reviewed and approved under the City's applicable zoning or siting process, or under another applicable state or local regulatory review process, and lawfully constructed prior to the time the relevant application is filed under this chapter. However, a support structure, wireless telecommunications facility, or accessory equipment that has not been reviewed and approved because it was not in a zoned area when it was built, but was lawfully constructed, is existing for purposes of this chapter. Existing does not apply to any structure that (1) was illegally constructed without all proper local agency approvals, or (2) was constructed in noncompliance with such approvals. Existing does not apply where an existing support structure is proposed to be replaced in furtherance of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility.

**Facility(ies)** means wireless telecommunications facility(ies).

**FCC** means the Federal Communications Commission.

**Ground-mounted** means mounted to a pole, tower or other freestanding structure which is specifically constructed for the purpose of supporting an antenna or wireless telecommunications facility and placed directly on the ground at grade level.

**Hearing officer** means the City Manager, or their designee.

**Lattice tower** means an open framework structure used to support one or more antennas, typically with three or four support legs.

**Located within (or in) the public right-of-way** means any facility which in whole or in part, itself or as part of another structure, rests upon, in, over or under the PROW.

**Modification** means a change to an existing wireless telecommunications facility that involves any of the following: collocation, expansion, alteration, enlargement, intensification, reduction, or augmentation, including, but not limited to, changes in size, shape, color, visual design, or exterior material. Modification does not include repair, replacement or maintenance if those actions do not involve whatsoever any expansion,

alteration, enlargement, intensification, reduction, or augmentation of an existing wireless telecommunications facility.

**Monopole** means a structure composed of a pole or tower used to support antennas or related equipment. A monopole also includes a monopine, monopalm and similar monopoles camouflaged to resemble faux trees or other faux objects attached on a monopole (e.g., water tower).

**Mounted** means attached or supported.

**OTARD antennas** means antennas covered by the “over-the-air reception devices” rule in 47 CFR Section 1.4000 et seq., as may be amended or replaced from time to time.

**Permittee** means any person or entity granted a WTFP pursuant to this chapter.

**Personal wireless services** shall have the same meaning as set forth in Title 47 of United States Code (USC) Section 332(c)(7)(C)(i).

**Personal wireless service facility** shall have the same meaning as set forth in 47 USC Section 332(c)(7)(C)(ii).

**Pole** means a single shaft of wood, steel, concrete or other material capable of supporting the equipment mounted thereon in a safe and adequate manner and as required by provisions of this code.

**Public right-of-way** or **PROW** means a strip of land acquired by reservation, dedication, prescription, condemnation, or easement that allows for the passage of people and goods. The PROW includes, but is not necessarily limited to, streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, roadway medians, and parking strips. The PROW does not include lands owned, controlled or operated by the City for uses unrelated to streets or the passage of people and goods, such as, without limitation, parks, City hall and community center lands, City yards, and lands supporting reservoirs, water towers, police or fire facilities and non-publicly accessible utilities.

**Replacement** means only replacement of transmission equipment, wireless telecommunications facilities or eligible support structures where the replacement structure will be of like-for-like kind to resemble the appearance and dimensions of the structure or equipment replaced, including size, height, color, landscaping, materials and style.

1. In the context of determining whether an application qualifies as an eligible facilities request, the term “replacement” relates only to the replacement of transmission equipment and does not include replacing the support structure on which the equipment is located.
2. In the context of determining whether a SWF application qualifies as being placed upon a new eligible support structure or qualifies as a collocation,

an application proposing the replacement of the underlying support structure qualifies as a new pole proposal.

**RF** means radio frequency.

**Small cell** means a low-powered antenna (node) that has a range of 10 meters to 2 kilometers. The nodes of a small cell may or may not be connected by fiber. "Small," for purposes of small cell, refers to the area covered, not the size of the facility. Small cell includes, but is not limited to, devices generally known as microcells, picocells and femtocells.

**Small cell network** means a network of small cells.

**Spectrum Act** means Section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act and Job Creation Act of 2012, codified as 47 USC Section 1455(a), as may be amended.

**Substantial change** has the meaning set forth by the FCC at 47 CFR 1.6100(b)(7), as may be amended. Notwithstanding the definition above, if an existing pole-mounted cabinet is proposed to be replaced with an underground cabinet at a facility where there are no pre-existing ground cabinets associated with the structure, such modification may be deemed a non-substantial change, in the discretion of the Community Development Director and based upon their reasonable consideration of the cabinet's proximity to residential view sheds, interference to public views and/or degradation of concealment elements. If undergrounding the cabinet is technologically infeasible such that it is materially inhibitive to the project, the Community Development Director may allow for a ground mounted cabinet. A modification or collocation results in a substantial change to the physical dimensions of an eligible support structure if it does any of the following:

1. It increases the height of the structure by more than 10% or more than ten feet, whichever is greater;
2. It involves adding an appurtenance to the body of the structure that would protrude from the edge of the structure by more than six feet;
3. It involves installation of more than the standard number of new equipment cabinets for the technology involved, but not to exceed four cabinets. However, for towers and base stations located in the public rights-of-way, it involves installation of any new equipment cabinets on the ground if there are no pre-existing ground cabinets associated with the structure, or else involves installation of ground cabinets that are more than 10% larger in height or overall volume than any other ground cabinets associated with the structure;
4. It entails any excavation or deployment outside the current site. For purposes of this subsection, excavation outside the current site occurs where excavation more than twelve feet from the eligible support structure is proposed;

5. It defeats the concealment or stealthing elements of the eligible support structure; or
6. It does not comply with conditions associated with the siting approval of the construction or modification of the eligible support structure, provided however that this limitation does not apply to any modification that is non-compliant only in a manner that would not exceed the thresholds identified in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this definition.
7. For all proposed collocations and modifications, a substantial change occurs when:
  - a. The proposed collocation or modification involves more than the standard number of new equipment cabinets for the technology involved, but not to exceed four equipment cabinets;
  - a. The proposed collocation or modification would defeat the concealment elements of the support structure; or
  - b. The proposed collocation or modification violates a prior condition of approval, provided however that the collocation need not comply with any prior condition of approval that is inconsistent with the thresholds for a substantial change described in this Section.

The thresholds and conditions for a substantial change described in this Section are disjunctive such that the violation of any individual threshold or condition results in a substantial change. The height and width thresholds for a substantial change described in this Section are cumulative for each individual support structure. The cumulative limit is measured from the physical dimensions of the original structure for base stations, and for all other facilities sites in the PROW from the smallest physical dimensions that existed on or after February 22, 2012, inclusive of originally approved-appurtenances and any modifications that were approved prior to that date.

**Support structure** means a tower, pole, base station or other structure used to support a wireless telecommunications facility.

**SWF** means a small wireless facility as defined by the FCC in 47 CFR Section 1.6002(l), as may be amended, which is a personal wireless service facility that meets all the following conditions, listed here for convenience only:

1. The facility:
  - a. Is mounted on an existing or proposed structure 50 feet or less in height, including antennas, as defined in 47 CFR Section 1.1320(d); or

- b. Is mounted on an existing or proposed structure no more than 10% taller than other adjacent structures, or
  - c. Does not extend an existing structure on which it is located to a height of more than 50 feet or by more than 10%, whichever is greater;
2. Each antenna associated with the deployment, excluding associated antenna equipment (as defined in 47 CFR Section 1.1320(d), as may be amended), is no more than three cubic feet in volume;
3. All other wireless equipment associated with the structure, including the wireless equipment associated with the antenna and any pre-existing associated equipment on the structure, is no more than 28 cubic feet in volume;
4. The facility does not require antenna structure registration under 47 CFR Part 17;
5. The facility is not located on Tribal lands, as defined in 36 CFR Section 800.16(x), as may be amended; and
6. The facility does not result in human exposure to radiofrequency radiation in excess of the applicable safety standards specified in 47 CFR Section 1.1307(b), as may be amended.

**SWF Regulations** means those regulations adopted by the City Council (Policy for Approving Small Wireless Facilities) implementing the provisions of this chapter applicable to SWFs and further regulations and standards applicable to SWFs.

**Telecommunications tower or tower** has the meaning ascribed to wireless towers by the FCC in 47 CFR Section 1.6100(b)(9), as may be amended, including without limitation a freestanding mast, pole, monopole, guyed tower, lattice tower, free standing tower or other structure designed and built for the sole or primary purpose of supporting any FCC-licensed or authorized antennas and their associated facilities, including structures that are constructed for wireless communications services including, but not limited to, private, broadcast, and public safety services, as well as unlicensed wireless services and fixed wireless services such as microwave backhaul, and the associated site. This definition does not include utility poles.

**Transmission equipment** means equipment that facilitates transmission for any FCC-licensed or authorized wireless communication service, including, but not limited to, radio transceivers, antennas, coaxial or fiber-optic cable, and regular and backup power supply. The term includes equipment associated with wireless communications services including, but not limited to, private, broadcast, and public safety services, as well as unlicensed wireless services and fixed wireless services such as microwave backhaul.

**Utility pole** means any pole or tower owned by any utility company that is primarily used to support wires or cables necessary to the provision of electrical or other utility services regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission. A telecommunications tower is not a utility pole.

**Wireless telecommunications facility** means equipment and network components such as antennas, accessory equipment, support structures, and emergency power systems that are integral to providing wireless telecommunications services. Exceptions: The term “wireless telecommunications facility” does not apply to the following:

1. Government-owned and operated telecommunications facilities.
2. Emergency medical care provider-owned and operated telecommunications facilities.
3. Mobile services providing public information coverage of news events of a temporary nature.
4. Any wireless telecommunications facilities exempted from this code by federal law or state law.

**Wireless telecommunications services** means the provision of services using a wireless telecommunications facility or a collocation facility, and shall include, but is not limited to, the following services: personal wireless services as defined in the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 at 47 USC Section 332(c)(7)(C), as may be amended, cellular service, personal communication service, and/or data radio telecommunications.

**WTFP** means a wireless telecommunications facility design review permit required by this chapter, which may be categorized as either a Major WTFP or an Administrative WTFP.

### **12.38.030 Applicability**

- A. This chapter applies to the siting, construction or modification of any and all wireless telecommunications facilities proposed to be located in the public right-of-way.
- B. Pre-existing Facilities in the PROW. Nothing in this chapter shall validate any existing illegal or unpermitted wireless facilities. All existing wireless facilities shall comply with and receive a wireless encroachment permit, when applicable, to be considered legal and conforming.
- C. This chapter does not apply to the following:
  1. Amateur radio facilities;
  2. OTARD antennas;

3. Facilities owned and operated by the City, including, but not limited to, facilities used for City or public safety purposes;
  4. Any entity legally entitled to an exemption pursuant to state or federal law or governing franchise agreement, excepting that to the extent such the terms of state or federal law, or franchise agreement, are preemptive of the terms of this chapter, then the terms of this chapter shall be severable to the extent of such preemption and all remaining regulations shall remain in full force and effect.
  5. Installation of a COW or a similar structure for a temporary period in connection with an emergency or event at the discretion of the Community Development Director, but no longer than required for the emergency or event, provided that installation does not involve excavation, movement, or removal of existing facilities.
- D. Public use. Except as otherwise provided by state or federal law, any use of the PROW authorized pursuant to this chapter will be subordinate to the City's use and use by the public.

#### **12.38.040 Wireless Telecommunications Facility Permit Requirements**

- A. Administration. The Community Development Director is responsible for administering this chapter. As part of the administration of this chapter, the Community Development Director may:
1. Interpret the provisions of this chapter;
  2. Develop and implement standards governing the placement and modification of wireless telecommunications facilities consistent with the requirements of this chapter, including regulations governing collocation and resolution of conflicting applications for placement of wireless facilities;
  3. Develop and implement acceptable design, location and development standards for wireless telecommunications facilities in the PROW, taking into account the zoning districts bounding the PROW;
  4. Develop forms and procedures for submission of applications for placement or modification of wireless facilities, and proposed changes to any support structure consistent with this chapter;
  5. Collect, as a condition of the completeness of any application, any fee established by this chapter, or any other fee established by City Council resolution for design review;
  6. Establish deadlines for submission of information related to an application, and extend or shorten deadlines where appropriate and consistent with federal laws and regulations;

7. Issue any notices of incompleteness, requests for information, or conduct or commission such studies as may be required to determine whether a permit should be issued;
  8. Require, as part of, and as a condition of completeness of any application, that an applicant for a wireless encroachment permit send notice to members of the public that may be affected by the placement or modification of the wireless facility and proposed changes to any support structure;
  9. Subject to appeal as provided herein, determine whether to approve, approve subject to conditions, or deny an application; and
  10. Take such other steps as may be required to timely act upon applications for placement of wireless telecommunications facilities, including issuing written decisions and entering into agreements to mutually extend the time for action on an application.
- B. Administrative Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Permits (Administrative WTFP).
1. An Administrative WTFP, subject to the Community Development Director's approval, may be issued for wireless telecommunications facilities, collocations, modifications or replacements to an eligible support structure that meet the following criteria:
    - a. The proposal is determined to be for a SWF; or
    - b. The proposal is determined to be an eligible facilities request; or
    - c. Both.
  2. In the event the Community Development Director determines any application submitted for an Administrative WTFP does not meet the administrative permit criteria of this chapter, the Community Development Director shall convert the application to a Major WTFP and refer it to the Planning Commission for a hearing pursuant to Subsection (C).
  3. Except in the case of an eligible facilities request, the Community Development Director, in their discretion and in consultation with the Planning Manager, may also refer any application for an Administrative WTFP to the Planning Commission for hearing.
- C. Major Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Permit (Major WTFP). All other new wireless telecommunications facilities or replacements, collocations, or modifications to a wireless telecommunications facility that are *not* qualified for an Administrative WTFP shall require a Major WTFP subject to Planning Commission hearing and approval unless otherwise provided for in this chapter.



- D. Special Provisions for SWFs; SWF Regulations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter as provided herein, all SWFs are subject to a permit as specified in the SWF Regulations, which are adopted and may be amended by City Council resolution. All SWFs, shall comply with the SWF Regulations, as they may be amended from time to time.
1. The SWF Regulations are intended to be constructed in consistency with, and addition to, the terms and provisions of this chapter. To the extent general provisions of this chapter are lawfully applicable to SWFs, such terms shall apply unless in contradiction to more specific terms set forth in the SWF Regulations, in which case the more specific terms of the SWF Regulations shall control.
- E. Other Permits Required. In addition to any permit that may be required under this chapter, the applicant must obtain all other required prior permits or other approvals from other City departments, or state or federal agencies. Any permit granted under this chapter is subject to the conditions and/or requirements of other required prior permits or other approvals from other City departments, state or federal agencies. Building and encroachment permits, and all City standards and requirements therefor, are applicable.
- F. Eligible Applicants. Only applicants who have been granted the right to enter the PROW pursuant to state or federal law, or who have entered into a franchise agreement with the City permitting them to use the PROW, shall be eligible for a WTFP pursuant to this chapter.

#### **12.38.050 Application for Wireless Telecommunications Facility Permits**

- A. Generally. Unless the SWF Regulations specifically provide otherwise, the applicant shall submit a paper copy and an electronic copy of any application, amendments, or supplements to a WTFP application, or responses to requests for information regarding a WTFP, in accordance with the provisions of this Section. SWF applications shall be governed by any additional terms set forth in the SWF Regulations, and in the event of an inconsistency between the provisions of this Section and the terms of the SWF Regulations, the Regulations shall control.
1. All applications for WTFPs shall be initially submitted to the Community Development Director. In addition to the information required of an applicant for an encroachment permit or any other permit required by this code, each applicant shall fully and completely submit to the City a written application on a form prepared by the Community Development Director and published on the City's website.
  2. Application Submittal Appointment. All WTFP applications must be submitted to the Community Development Director at a pre-scheduled application submission appointment. City staff will endeavor to provide applicants with an appointment within five business days after receipt of a

written request. A WTFP application will only be reviewed upon submission of a complete application therefor.

3. If the wireless telecommunications facility will also require the installation of fiber, cable or coaxial cable, such cable installations shall be included within the application form and processed in conjunction with the proposal for vertical support structure(s). Applicants shall simultaneously request fiber installation or other cable installation when seeking to install antennas in the PROW. Standalone applications for the installation of fiber, cable or coaxial cable, or accessory equipment designed to serve an antenna must include all features of the wireless telecommunications facility proposed.

B. Application Contents—Administrative WTFPs. The content of the application form for facilities subject to an Administrative WTFP shall be determined by the Community Development Director, but at a minimum shall include the following:

1. The name of the applicant, its telephone number and contact information, and if the applicant is a wireless infrastructure provider, the name and contact information for the wireless service provider that will be using the wireless facility.
2. The name of the owner of the structure, if different from the applicant, and a signed and notarized owner's authorization for use of the structure.
3. A complete description of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility and any and all work that will be required to install or modify it, including, but not limited to, detail regarding proposed excavations, if any; detailed site plans showing the location of the wireless telecommunications facility, and dimensioned drawings with specifications for each element of the wireless facility, clearly describing the site and all structures and facilities at the site before and after installation or modification; and a dimensioned map identifying and describing the distance to the nearest residential dwelling unit and any historical structure within 500 feet of the facility. Before and after 360 degree photo simulations must be provided.
4. Documentation sufficient to show that the proposed facility will comply with generally-applicable health and safety provisions of the Municipal Code and the FCC's radio frequency emissions standards.
5. A copy of the lease or other agreement, if any, between the applicant and the owner of the property to which the proposed facility will be attached.
6. If the application is for a SWF, the application shall state as such and shall explain why the proposed facility meets the definition of a SWF.
7. If the application is for an eligible facilities request, the application shall state as such and must contain information sufficient to show that the application

qualifies as an eligible facilities request, which information must demonstrate that the eligible support structure was not constructed or deployed without proper local review, was not required to undergo local review, or involves equipment that was not properly approved. This shall include copies of all applicable local permits in-effect and as-built drawings of the current site. Before and after 360 degree photo simulations must be provided, as well as documentation sufficient to show that the proposed facility will comply with generally-applicable health and safety provisions of the Municipal Code and the FCC's radio frequency emissions standards.

8. For SWFs, the application must contain all additional application information, if any, required by the SWF Regulations.
  9. The Administrative WTFP applicant shall submit a mailing list and envelopes, stamped and addressed, for all properties and record owners of properties within 500 feet of the project location. Insufficient postage and/or illegible addressing shall be a basis to deem the application incomplete.
  10. If the applicant contends that denial of the application would prohibit or effectively prohibit the provision of service in violation of federal law, or otherwise violate applicable law, the application must provide all information on which the applicant relies on in support of that claim. Applicants are not permitted to supplement this showing if doing so would prevent the City from complying with any deadline for action on an application.
- C. Application Contents—Major WTFPs. The Community Development Director shall develop an application form and make it available to applicants upon request and post the application form on the City's website. The application form for a Major WTFP shall require the following information, in addition to all other information determined necessary by the Community Development Director:
1. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant, owner and the operator of the proposed wireless telecommunication facility.
  2. If the applicant does not, or will not, own the support structure, the applicant shall provide a duly-executed letter of authorization from the owner of the structure. If the owner of the support structure is the applicant, but such owner/applicant will not directly provide wireless telecommunications services, the owner/applicant shall provide a duly-executed letter of authorization from the person(s) or entity(ies) that will provide those services.
  3. A full written description of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility and its purpose.

4. Detailed engineering plans of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility and related report prepared by a professional engineer registered in the State of California documenting the following:
  - a. Height/elevation, diameter, layout and design of the facility, including technical engineering specifications, economic and other pertinent factors governing selection of the proposed design, together with evidence that demonstrates that the proposed facility has been designed to be the least intrusive equipment within the particular technology available to the carrier for deployment.
  - b. A photograph and model name and number of each piece of the facility or proposed antenna array and accessory equipment included.
  - c. Power output and operating frequency for the proposed antenna array (including any antennas existing as of the date of the application serving the carrier identified in the application).
  - d. Total anticipated capacity of the wireless telecommunications facility for the subject carrier, indicating the number and types of antennas and power and frequency ranges, which can be accommodated.
  - e. Sufficient evidence of the structural integrity of the support structure as required by the City.
5. A written description identifying the geographic service area to be served by the proposed WTFP, plus geographic or propagation maps showing applicant's service area objectives.
6. A justification study which includes the rationale for selecting the proposed wireless telecommunication facility design, support structure and location. A detailed explanation of the applicant's coverage objectives that the proposal would serve, and how the proposed use is the least intrusive means for the applicant to cover such objectives. This shall include:
  - a. A meaningful comparative analysis that includes the factual reasons why the proposed location and design deviates is the least noncompliant or intrusive location and design necessary to reasonably achieve the applicant's reasonable objectives of covering an established significant gap (as established under state and federal law).
  - b. Said study shall include all eligible support structures and/or alternative sites evaluated for the proposed WTFP, and why said alternatives are not reasonably available, technically feasible options that most closely conform to the local values. The alternative site

analysis must include the consideration of at least two eligible support structures; or, if no eligible support facilities are analyzed as alternatives, why no eligible support facilities are reasonably available or technically feasible.

- c. If a portion of the proposed facility lies within a jurisdiction other than the City's jurisdiction, the applicant must demonstrate that alternative options for locating the project fully within one jurisdiction or the other is not a viable option. Applicant must demonstrate that it has obtained all approvals from the adjacent jurisdiction for the installation of the extra-jurisdictional portion of the project.
7. Site plan(s) to scale, specifying and depicting the exact proposed location of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility, location of accessory equipment in relation to the support structure, access or utility easements, existing utilities, adjacent land uses, and showing compliance with all design and safety requirements set forth in this chapter.
8. A completed environmental assessment application, or in the alternative any and all documentation identifying the proposed WTFP as exempt from environmental review (under the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code 21000–21189, the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 USC Section 4321 et seq., or related environmental laws). Notwithstanding any determination of environmental exemption issued by another governmental entity, the City reserves its right to exercise its rights as a responsible agency to review *de novo* the environmental impacts of any WTFP application.
9. An accurate visual impact analysis showing the maximum silhouette, viewshed analysis, color and finish palette and proposed screening for the wireless telecommunications facility, including scaled photo simulations from at least three different angles.
10. Completion of the radio frequency (RF) emissions exposure guidelines checklist contained in Appendix A to the FCC's Local Government Official's Guide to Transmitting Antenna RF Emission Safety to determine whether the facility will be "categorically excluded" as that term is used by the FCC.
11. For a facility that is not categorically excluded under the FCC regulations for RF emissions, the applicant shall submit an RF exposure compliance report prepared and certified by an RF engineer acceptable to the City that certifies that the proposed facility, as well as any facilities that contribute to the cumulative exposure in the subject area, will comply with applicable federal RF exposure standards and exposure limits. The RF report must include the actual frequency and power levels (in watts effective radio power (ERP)) for all existing and proposed antennas at the site and exhibits that show the location and orientation of all transmitting antennas and the

boundaries of areas with RF exposures in excess of the uncontrolled/general population limit (as that term is defined by the FCC) and also the boundaries of areas with RF exposures in excess of the controlled/occupational limit (as that term is defined by the FCC). Each such boundary shall be clearly marked and identified for every transmitting antenna at the project site.

12. Copies of any documents that the applicant is required to file pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration regulations for the proposed wireless telecommunications facility.
  13. A noise study prepared by a qualified acoustic engineer documenting that the level of noise to be emitted by the proposed wireless telecommunications facility will comply with this code, including Chapter 8.08 (Noise) of this code.
  14. A traffic control plan when the proposed installation is on any street in a non-residential zone. The City shall have the discretion to require a traffic control plan when the applicant seeks to use large equipment (e.g., crane).
  15. A scaled conceptual landscape plan showing existing trees and vegetation and all proposed landscaping, concealment, screening and proposed irrigation with a discussion of how the chosen material at maturity will screen the wireless telecommunication facility.
  16. Certification that applicant is a telephone corporation or a statement providing the basis for its claimed right to enter the right-of-way. If the applicant has a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) issued by the California Public Utilities Commission, it shall provide a copy of its CPCN.
  17. Evidence that the proposed wireless facility qualifies as a personal wireless service facility.
  18. Address labels for use by the City in noticing all property owners within 500 feet of the proposed wireless telecommunication facility and, if applicable, all public hearing information required by the Municipal Code for public noticing requirements.
  19. Any other information and/or studies reasonably determined to be necessary by the Community Development Director.
- D. Fees and Deposits Submitted with Application(s). For all WTFPs, design review application fee(s) shall be required to be submitted with any application, as established by City Council resolution and in accordance with Government Code Section 50030. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no application fee shall be

refundable, in whole or in part, to an applicant for a WTFP unless paid as a refundable deposit.

- E. Independent Expert. The Community Development Director is authorized to retain on behalf of the City one or more independent, qualified consultant(s) to review any WTFP application. The review is intended to be a review of technical aspects of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility and shall include, but not be limited to, application completeness or accuracy, structural engineering analysis, or compliance with FCC radio frequency emissions standards.
- F. Costs. Reasonable costs of City staff, consultant and attorney time (including that of the City Attorney) pertaining to the review, processing, noticing and hearing procedures directly attributable to a WTFP shall be reimbursable to the City. To this end, the Community Development Director may require applicants to enter a trust/deposit reimbursement agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, or other established trust/deposit accounting mechanism for purposes of obtaining an applicant deposit from which the direct costs of City processing of an application may be drawn down.
- G. Effect of State or Federal Law on Application Process. In the event a state or federal law prohibits the collection of any information or application conditions required by this Section, the Community Development Director is authorized to omit, modify or add to that request from the City's application form in consultation with the City attorney. Requests for waivers from any application requirement of this Section shall be made in writing to the Community Development Director. The Community Development Director may grant a request for waiver if it is demonstrated that, notwithstanding the issuance of a waiver, the City will be provided all information necessary to understand the nature of the construction or other activity to be conducted pursuant to the WTFP sought. All waivers approved pursuant to this subsection shall be (1) granted only on a case-by-case basis, and (2) narrowly-tailored to minimize deviation from the requirements of the Municipal Code.
- H. Applications Deemed Withdrawn. To promote efficient review and timely decisions, any application governed under this chapter will be automatically deemed withdrawn by the applicant when the applicant fails to tender a substantive response to the City on any application within thirty (30) calendar days after the application is deemed incomplete in a written notice to the applicant. The Community Development Director may, in his/her discretion, grant a written extension for up to an additional thirty (30) calendar days when the applicant submits a written request prior to the 90th day that shows good cause to grant the extension.
- I. Waiver of Applications Superseded by Submission of New Project. If an applicant submits a WTFP application, but substantially revises the proposed facility during the application process prior to any City hearing or decision on such application, the substantially revised application shall be deemed a new application for all

processing purposes, including federal shot clocks, and the prior submittals deemed waived and superseded by the substantially revised application. For purposes of this subparagraph, "substantially revised" means that the project as initially proposed has been alternately proposed for a location 300 feet or more from the original proposal or constitutes a substantial change in the dimensions or equipment that was proposed in the original WTFP application.

- J. Rejection for Incompleteness. WTFPs will be processed, and notices of incompleteness provided, in conformity with state, local, and federal law. If such an application is incomplete, it may be rejected by the Community Development Director by notifying the applicant in writing and specifying the material omitted from the application.

### **12.38.060 Review Procedure**

- A. Generally. Wireless telecommunications facilities shall be installed and modified in a manner that minimizes risks to public safety and utilizes installation of new support structures or equipment cabinets in the PROW only after all existing and replacement structure options have been exhausted, and where feasible, places equipment underground, and otherwise maintains the integrity and character of the neighborhoods and corridors in which the facilities are located; ensures that installations are subject to periodic review to minimize the intrusion on the PROW; and ensures that the City bears no risk or liability as a result of the installations, and that such use does not inconvenience the public, interfere with the primary uses of the PROW, or hinder the ability of the City or other government agencies to improve, modify, relocate, abandon, or vacate the PROW or any portion thereof, or to cause the improvement, modification, relocation, vacation, or abandonment of facilities in the PROW.
- B. Collocation Encouraged. Where the facility site is capable of accommodating a collocated facility upon the same site in a manner consistent with the permit conditions for the existing facility, the owner and operator of the existing facility shall allow collocation of third-party facilities, provided the parties can mutually agree upon reasonable terms and conditions.
- C. Findings Required for Approval.
  - 1. Administrative WTFP Applications for SWFs. For WTFP applications proposing a SWF, the Community Development Director shall approve such application if, on the basis of the application and other materials or evidence provided in review thereof, all of the following findings can be made:
    - a. The facility qualifies as a SWF; and
    - b. The facility meets all standards, requirements and further findings as may be specified in the SWF Regulations; and



- c. The facility is not detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
    - d. The facility meets applicable requirements and standards of state and federal law.
  2. Administrative WTFP Applications for Eligible Facility Requests. For WTFP applications proposing an eligible facilities request, the Community Development Director shall approve such application if, on the basis of the application and other materials or evidence provided in review thereof, all of the following findings can be made:
    - a. That the application qualifies as an eligible facilities request; and
    - b. That the proposed facility will comply with all generally applicable laws.
  3. Major WTFP Applications. No Major WTFP shall be granted unless all of the following findings are made by the applicable decision maker:
    - a. If applicable, all notices required for the proposed WTFP have been given, including the inclusion, or placement on-site, of photo simulations for the proposed facility.
    - b. The proposed wireless telecommunications facility has been designed and located in compliance with all applicable provisions of this chapter.
    - c. If applicable, the applicant has demonstrated its inability to locate on an eligible support structure.
    - d. The applicant has provided sufficient evidence supporting the applicant's claim that it has the right to enter the PROW pursuant to state or federal law, or the applicant has entered into a franchise agreement with the City permitting them to use the PROW.
    - e. The applicant has demonstrated the proposed installation is designed such that the proposed installation represents the least intrusive means possible, supported by factual evidence and a meaningful comparative analysis to show that all alternative locations and designs identified in the application review process were technically infeasible or not reasonably available.
- D. Notice; Decisions. The provisions in this Section describe the procedures for the approval process, any required notice and public hearings for a WTFP application.
  1. Administrative WTFPs: Notice of a WTFP application for a SWF shall be mailed to owners and occupants of real property surrounding the proposed

SWF site in the manner specified in the SWF Regulations. Applications qualifying for eligible facilities requests shall not require notice.

2. Major WTFP Applications. Any Major WTFP application shall require notice and a public hearing. Notice of such hearing shall be provided in accordance with Government Code Section 65091. Public notices shall include color photo simulations from three different angles depicting the wireless telecommunication facility as proposed to be considered by the Planning Commission. If the application proposes the use of an existing or replacement eligible support structure, such simulations shall be posted upon the proposed support structure for a period of at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of approval; such posted simulations shall remain in-place until final decision on the application is reached.
3. Written Decision Required for All WTFP Determinations. Unless otherwise specified for SWFs in the SWF Regulations, all final decisions made pursuant to this chapter, including those for administratively processed permits and eligible facilities requests, shall be in writing and based on substantial evidence in the written administrative record. Within five days after any decision to grant, approve, deny or conditionally grant a WTFP application, the Community Development Director shall provide written notice including the following:
  - a. A general explanation of the decision, including the findings required for the decision, if any, and how those findings were supported or not supported by substantial evidence;
  - b. A general description of the property involved;
  - c. Information about applicable rights to appeal the decision and explanation of how that right may be exercised; and
  - d. To be given by first class mail to:
    - (i) The project applicant and property owner,
    - (ii) Any person who submitted written comments concerning the WTFP,
    - (iii) Any person who has filed a written request with the City to receive such notice, and
    - (iv) Any homeowner association on file with the City that has jurisdiction over the WTFP site.
4. Once a WTFP is approved, no changes shall be made to the approved plans without review and approval in accordance with this chapter.

E. Appeals.

1. Administrative WTFP Appeals. Any person claiming to be adversely affected by an administrative decision pursuant to this chapter may appeal such decision. The appeal will be considered by a hearing officer. The hearing officer may decide the issues de novo and his/her written decision will be the final decision of the City. An appeal by a wireless infrastructure provider must be taken jointly with the wireless service provider that intends to use the wireless facility. Because Section 332(c)(7) of the Telecommunications Act preempts local decisions premised directly or indirectly on the environmental effects of radio frequency (RF) emissions, appeals of the administrative decision premised on the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions will not be considered.
  - a. Where the administrative decision grants an application based on a finding that denial would result in a prohibition or effective prohibition under applicable federal law, the decision shall be automatically appealed to the hearing officer. All appeals must be filed within two (2) business days of receipt of the written administrative decision, unless the Community Development Director extends the time therefore. An extension may not be granted where extension would result in approval of the application by operation of law.
  - b. Any appeal shall be conducted so that a timely written decision may be issued in accordance with applicable law. For SWFs, the appeal shall be conducted in accordance with any procedures adopted in the SWF Regulations.
2. Appeals on Major WTFPs shall proceed in accordance with the provisions in Title 17 of the Municipal Code for the appeal of Planning Commission actions.

F. Notice of Shot Clock Expiration. The City acknowledges there are federal and state shot clocks which may be applicable to a proposed wireless telecommunications facility. That is, federal and state law provide time periods in which the City must approve or deny a proposed wireless telecommunications facility. As such, the applicant is required to provide the City written notice of the expiration of any shot clock, which the applicant shall ensure is received by the City (e.g., overnight mail) no later than 20 days prior to the expiration.

**12.38.070 Design and Development Standards**

A. SWF Design and Development Standards. SWFs are subject to those design and development standards and conditions of approval set forth in the SWF Regulations. The City's grant of a WTFP for a SWF does not waive, and shall not be construed to waive, any standing by the City to challenge any FCC orders or

rules related to small cell facilities, or any modification to those FCC orders or rules.

B. Eligible Facilities Request Design and Development Standards. Approved eligible facilities requests for which the findings set forth in Section 12.38.060 have been made are subject to the following conditions, unless modified by the approving authority:

1. WTFP subject to conditions of underlying permit. Any WTFP granted in response to an application qualifying as an eligible facilities request shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the underlying permit and all such conditions that were applicable to the facility prior to approval of the subject eligible facility request.
2. No permit term extension. The City's grant or grant by operation of law of an eligible facilities request permit constitutes a federally-mandated modification to the underlying permit or approval for the subject tower or base station. Notwithstanding any permit duration established in another permit condition, the City's grant or grant by operation of law of a eligible facilities request permit will not extend the permit term for the underlying permit or any other underlying regulatory approval, and its term shall have the same term as the underlying permit or other regulatory approval for the subject tower or base station.
3. No waiver of standing. The City's grant or grant by operation of law of an eligible facilities request does not waive, and shall not be construed to waive, any standing by the City to challenge Section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act, any FCC rules that interpret Section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act, or any modification to Section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act.

C. Major WTFP Design and Development Standards. All wireless telecommunications facilities subject to a Major WTFP that are located within the PROW shall be designed and maintained as to minimize visual, noise and other impacts on the surrounding community and shall be planned, designed, located, and erected in accordance with the following standards:

1. General Guidelines.
  - a. The applicant shall employ screening, undergrounding and camouflage design techniques in the design and placement of wireless telecommunications facilities in order to ensure that the facility is as visually screened as possible, to prevent the facility from dominating the surrounding area and to minimize significant view impacts from surrounding properties and public views, all in a manner that achieves compatibility with the community and in compliance with this code.



- c. Light Poles. The maximum height of any antenna shall not exceed four feet above the existing height of a light pole. Any portion of the antenna or equipment mounted on a pole shall be no less than 16½ feet above any drivable road surface.
- d. Replacement Poles. If an applicant proposes to replace a pole that is an eligible support structure to accommodate the proposed facility, the replacement pole shall be designed to resemble the appearance and dimensions of existing poles near the proposed location, including size, height, color, materials and style to the maximum extent feasible.
- e. Equipment mounted on a support structure shall not exceed four (4) cubic feet in dimension.
- f. No new guy wires shall be allowed unless required by other laws or regulations.
- g. An exception pursuant to Section 12.38.080 shall be required to erect any new support structure (non-eligible support structure) that is not the replacement of an existing eligible support structure.
- h. As applicable to all new support structures (non-eligible support structures), regardless of location, the following requirements shall apply:
  - (i) Such new support structure shall be designed to resemble existing support structures of the same type in the PROW near that location, including size, height, color, materials and style, with the exception of any existing structural designs that are scheduled to be removed and not replaced.
  - (ii) Such new support structures that are not replacement structures shall be located at least 90 feet from any eligible support structure to the extent feasible.
  - (iii) Such new support structures shall be located to the extent feasible in an area where there is existing natural or other feature that obscures the view of the new support structure. The applicant shall further employ concealment techniques to blend the new support structure with said features including but not limited to the addition of vegetation if feasible.
  - (iv) A justification analysis shall be submitted for all new support structures that are not replacements to demonstrate why an eligible support facility cannot be utilized and demonstrating the new structure is the least intrusive means possible,

including a demonstration that the new structure is designed to be the minimum functional height and width required to support the proposed wireless telecommunications facility.

- i. All cables, including, but not limited to, electrical and utility cables, shall be run within the interior of the support structure and shall be camouflaged or hidden to the fullest extent feasible. For all support structures wherein interior installation is infeasible, conduit and cables attached to the exterior shall be mounted flush thereto and painted to match the structure.
6. Space. Each facility shall be designed to occupy the least amount of space in the PROW as technically feasible.
7. Wind Loads. Each facility shall be properly engineered to withstand wind loads as required by this code or any duly adopted or incorporated code. An evaluation of high wind load capacity shall include the impact of modification of an existing facility.
8. Obstructions. Each component part of a facility shall be located so as not to cause any physical or visual obstruction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic, inconvenience the public's use of the PROW, or cause safety hazards to pedestrians and motorists.
9. Public Facilities. A facility shall not be located within any portion of the PROW interfering with access to a fire hydrant, fire station, fire escape, water valve, underground vault, valve housing structure, or any other public health or safety facility.
10. Screening. All ground-mounted facility, pole-mounted equipment, or walls, fences, landscaping or other screening methods shall be installed at least 18 inches from the face of the curb.
11. Accessory Equipment. Not including the electric meter, all accessory equipment shall be located underground, except as provided below:
  - a. Unless City staff determines that there is no room in the PROW for undergrounding, or that undergrounding is not feasible, an exception pursuant to Section 12.38.080 shall be required in order to place accessory equipment above-ground and concealed with natural or manmade features to the maximum extent possible.
  - b. When above-ground is the only feasible location for a particular type of accessory equipment and it will be ground-mounted, such accessory equipment shall be enclosed within a structure, and shall not exceed a height of five feet and a total footprint of 15 square feet, and shall be fully screened and/or camouflaged, including the use of

landscaping, architectural treatment, or acceptable alternate screening. Required electrical meter cabinets shall be screened and/or camouflaged. Also, while pole-mounted equipment is generally the least favored installation, should pole-mounted equipment be sought, it shall be installed as required in this chapter.

- c. In locations where homes are only along one side of a street, above-ground accessory equipment shall not be installed directly in front of a residence. Such above-ground accessory equipment shall be installed along the side of the street with no homes.
12. Landscaping. Each facility shall be installed so as to maintain and enhance existing landscaping on the site, including trees, foliage and shrubs. Additional landscaping shall be planted, irrigated and maintained by applicant where such landscaping is deemed necessary by the City to provide screening or to conceal the facility.
13. Signage. No facility shall bear any signs or advertising devices other than certification, warning or other signage required by law or permitted by the City.
14. Lighting.
  - a. No facility may be illuminated unless specifically required by the FAA or other government agency. Beacon lights are not permitted unless required by the FAA or other government agency.
  - b. Legally required lightning arresters and beacons shall be included when calculating the height of facilities such as towers, lattice towers and monopoles.
  - c. Any required lighting shall be shielded to eliminate, to the maximum extent possible, impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.
  - d. Unless otherwise required under FAA or FCC regulations, applicants may install only timed or motion-sensitive light controllers and lights, and must install such lights so as to avoid illumination impacts to adjacent properties to the maximum extent feasible. The City may, in its discretion, exempt an applicant from the foregoing requirement when the applicant demonstrates a substantial public safety need.
  - e. The applicant shall submit a lighting study, which shall be prepared by a qualified lighting professional, to evaluate potential impacts to adjacent properties. Should no lighting be proposed, no lighting study shall be required.
15. Noise.



- a. Backup generators shall only be operated during periods of power outages, and shall not be tested on weekends or holidays, or between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
  - b. At no time shall equipment noise from any facility exceed the noise levels permitted by Chapter 8.08 of this code and the General Plan noise element.
16. Security. Each facility shall be designed to be resistant to, and minimize opportunities for, unauthorized access, climbing, vandalism, graffiti and other conditions that would result in hazardous situations, visual blight or attractive nuisances. The Community Development Director or the approving City body, as applicable, may require the provision of warning signs, fencing, anti-climbing devices, or other techniques to prevent unauthorized access and vandalism when, because of their location and/or accessibility, a facility has the potential to become an attractive nuisance. Additionally, no lethal devices or elements shall be installed as a security device.
17. Modification. Consistent with current state and federal laws and if permissible under the same, at the time of modification of a wireless telecommunications facility, existing equipment shall, to the extent feasible, be replaced with equipment that reduces visual, noise and other impacts, including, but not limited to, undergrounding the equipment and replacing larger, more visually intrusive facilities with smaller, less visually intrusive facilities.
18. Conditions of Approval. All Major WTFPs shall be subject to such conditions of approval as reasonably imposed by the Community Development Director or the approving City body, as applicable, as well as any modification of the conditions of approval deemed necessary by the Community Development Director or the approving City body.

**12.38.080 Location Restrictions; Exceptions for Non-Compliant Major Wireless Telecommunications Facilities**

- A. Locations Requiring an Exception. Major WTFPs are strongly disfavored in certain areas and on certain support structures. Therefore the following locations are permitted only when an exception has been granted pursuant to Subsection (B) hereof:
1. PROW within residential zones, as identified in the City's General Plan land use map and zoning map;
  2. PROW within 100 feet of designated historic buildings, landmarks or known archeological or paleontological sites. 100 feet from the Santa Ynez River;

3. 50 feet from Salsipuedes, San Miguelito, Sloans Canyon, and Davis Creeks;
- B. Required Findings for an Exception on Major WTFPs. For any Major WTFP requiring an exception under this chapter, no such exception shall be granted unless all of the following requirements are satisfied:
1. The proposed wireless facility qualifies as a personal wireless service facility.
  2. The applicant has provided the City with clear and convincing evidence of a clearly defined significant gap (as established under state and federal law) and a clearly defined potential site search area.
    - a. In the event the applicant seeks to install a wireless telecommunications facility to address service coverage concerns, the applicant shall provide the City with full-color signal propagation maps with objective units of signal strength measurement that show the applicant's current service coverage levels from all adjacent wireless telecommunications facilities without the proposed facility, predicted service coverage levels from all adjacent facilities serving applicant with the proposed facility, and predicted service coverage levels from the proposed facility without all adjacent facilities.
    - b. In the event the applicant seeks to address service capacity concerns, the applicant shall provide the City with a written explanation and propagation maps identifying the existing facilities with service capacity issues together with competent evidence to demonstrate the inability of those facilities to meet capacity demands.
  3. The applicant has provided the City with a meaningful comparative analysis that includes the factual reasons why any alternative location(s) or design(s) suggested by the City or otherwise identified in the administrative record, including but not limited to potential alternatives identified at any public meeting or hearing, are not technically feasible or reasonably available.
  4. The applicant has provided the City with a meaningful comparative analysis that includes the factual reasons why the proposed location and design deviates is the least noncompliant location and design necessary to reasonably achieve the applicant's reasonable objectives of covering an established significant gap (as established under state and federal law).
  5. The applicant has demonstrated that strict compliance with the provision in this chapter from which the applicant seeks to be exempt would effectively prohibit the provision of personal wireless services.

- C. Scope. The Planning Commission or Community Development Director, as applicable, shall limit an exemption for a Major WTFP to the extent to which the applicant demonstrates such exemption is necessary to reasonably achieve its objectives of covering an established significant gap (as established under state and federal law). The Planning Commission or Community Development Director, as applicable, may adopt conditions of approval as reasonably necessary to promote the purposes in this chapter and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

### **12.38.090 Operation and Maintenance Standards**

All wireless telecommunications facilities must comply at all times with the following operation and maintenance standards:

- A. The permittee shall at all times maintain compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and other rules, including, without limitation, those applying to use of the PROW. The permittee shall ensure that all equipment and other improvements to be constructed and/or installed in connection with the approved WTFP are maintained in a manner that is not detrimental or injurious to the public health, safety, and general welfare and that the aesthetic appearance is continuously preserved, and substantially the same as shown in the approved plans at all times relevant to the WTFP.
- B. Unless otherwise provided herein, all necessary repairs and restoration shall be completed by the permittee, owner, operator or any designated maintenance agent at its sole cost within 48 hours:
1. After discovery of the need by the permittee, owner, operator or any designated maintenance agent; or
  2. After permittee, owner, operator or any designated maintenance agent receives notification from the City.
- C. Insurance. The permittee shall obtain and maintain throughout the term of the permit a type and amount of insurance as specified by the Community Development Director. The relevant policy(ies) shall name the City, its elected/appointed officials, commission members, officers, representatives, agents, and employees as additional insured. The permittee shall use its best efforts to provide thirty (30) days prior notice to the Community Development Director of to the cancellation or material modification of any applicable insurance policy.
- D. Indemnities. The permittee and, if applicable, the owner of the property upon which the wireless facility is installed shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its agents, officers, officials, and employees (i) from any and all damages, liabilities, injuries, losses, costs, and expenses, and from any and all claims, demands, law suits, writs of mandamus, and other actions or proceedings brought

against the City or its agents, officers, officials, or employees to challenge, attack, seek to modify, set aside, void or annul the City's approval of the permit, and (ii) from any and all damages, liabilities, injuries, losses, costs, and expenses, and any and all claims, demands, law suits, or causes of action and other actions or proceedings of any kind or form, whether for personal injury, death or property damage, arising out of or in connection with the activities or performance of the permittee or, if applicable, the private property owner or any of each one's agents, employees, licensees, contractors, subcontractors, or independent contractors. In the event the City becomes aware of any such actions or claims the City shall promptly notify the permittee and, if applicable, the private property owner and shall reasonably cooperate in the defense. The City shall have the right to approve, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, the legal counsel providing the City's defense, and the property owner and/or permittee (as applicable) shall reimburse the City for any costs and expenses directly and necessarily incurred by the City in the course

- E. Performance Bond. Prior to issuance of a wireless encroachment permit, the permittee shall file with the City, and shall maintain in good standing throughout the term of the approval, a performance bond or other surety or another form of security for the removal of the facility in the event that the use is abandoned or the permit expires, or is revoked, or is otherwise terminated. The security shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the cost of removal of the facility as specified in the application for the WTFP or as that amount may be modified by the Community Development Director in the permit based on the characteristics of the installation. The permittee shall reimburse the City for staff time associated with the processing and tracking of the bond, based on the hourly rate adopted by the City Council. Reimbursement shall be paid when the security is posted and during each administrative review.
- F. Adverse Impacts on Adjacent Properties. Permittee shall undertake all reasonable efforts to avoid undue adverse impacts to adjacent properties and/or uses that may arise from the construction, operation, maintenance, modification, and removal of the facility. All facilities, including each piece of equipment, shall be located and placed in a manner so as to not interfere with the use of the PROW, impede the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, impair the primary use and purpose of poles/signs/traffic signals or other infrastructure, interfere with outdoor dining areas or emergency facilities, or otherwise obstruct the accessibility of the PROW.
- G. Contact Information. Each permittee of a wireless telecommunications facility shall provide the Community Development Director with the name, address and 24-hour local or toll free contact phone number of the permittee, the owner, the operator and the agent responsible for the maintenance of the facility ("contact information"). Contact information shall be updated within seven days of any change.
- H. All facilities, including, but not limited to, telecommunication towers, poles, accessory equipment, lighting, fences, walls, shields, cabinets, artificial foliage or

camouflage, and the facility site shall be maintained in good condition, including ensuring the facilities are reasonably free of:

1. Subsidence, cracking, erosion, collapse, weakening, or loss of lateral support to City streets, sidewalks, walks, curbs, gutters, trees, parkways, street lights, traffic signals, improvements of any kind or nature, or utility lines and systems, underground utility line and systems (water, sewer, storm drains, gas, oil, electrical, etc.) that result from any activities performed in connection with the installation and/or maintenance of a wireless facility in the PROW.
  2. General dirt and grease;
  3. Chipped, faded, peeling, and cracked paint;
  4. Rust and corrosion;
  5. Cracks, dents, and discoloration;
  6. Missing, discolored or damaged artificial foliage or other camouflage;
  7. Graffiti, bills, stickers, advertisements, litter and debris. All graffiti on facilities must be removed at the sole expense of the permittee within forty eight (48) hours after notification from the City.
  8. Broken and misshapen structural parts; and
  9. Any damage from any cause.
- I. All trees, foliage or other landscaping elements approved as part of the facility shall be maintained in neat, safe and good condition at all times, and the permittee, owner and operator of the facility shall be responsible for replacing any damaged, dead or decayed landscaping. No amendment to any approved landscaping plan may be made until it is submitted to and approved by the Community Development Director.
- J. The permittee shall replace its facilities, after obtaining all required permits, if maintenance or repair is not sufficient to return the facility to the condition it was in at the time of installation.
- K. Each facility shall be operated and maintained to comply at all conditions of approval. The permittee, when directed by the City, must perform an inspection of the facility and submit a report to the Community Development Director on the condition of the facility to include any identified concerns and corrective action taken. Additionally, as the City performs maintenance on City-owned infrastructure, additional maintenance concerns may be identified. These will be reported to the permittee. The City shall give the permittee thirty (30) days to correct the identified maintenance concerns after which the City reserves the right

to take any action it deems necessary, which could include revocation of the permit. The burden is on the permittee to demonstrate that it complies with the requirements herein. Prior to issuance of a permit under this chapter, the owner of the facility shall sign an affidavit attesting to understanding the City's requirement for performance of annual inspections and reporting.

- L. All facilities permitted pursuant to this chapter shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- M. The permittee is responsible for obtaining power to the facility and for the cost of electrical usage.
- N. Failure to comply with the City's adopted noise standard after written notice and reasonable opportunity to cure have been given shall be grounds for the City to revoke the permit.
- O. Interference.
  - 1. The permittee shall not move, alter, temporarily relocate, change, or interfere with any existing structure, improvement, or property without the prior consent of the owner of that structure, improvement, or property. No structure, improvement, or property owned by the City shall be moved to accommodate a permitted activity or encroachment, unless the City determines that such movement will not adversely affect the City or any surrounding businesses or residents, and the permittee pays all costs and expenses related to the relocation of the City's structure, improvement, or property. Prior to commencement of any work pursuant to a wireless encroachment permit, the permittee shall provide the City with documentation establishing to the City's satisfaction that the permittee has the legal right to use or interfere with any other structure, improvement, or property within the PROW or City utility easement to be affected by permittee's facilities.
  - 2. The facility shall not damage or interfere in any way with City property, the City's operations or the operations of prior-existing, third party installations. The City will reasonably cooperate with the permittee and/or carrier to carry out such activities as are necessary to correct the interference.
    - a. Signal Interference. The permittee shall correct any such interference within 24 hours of written notification of the interference. Upon the expiration of the 24-hour cure period and until the cause of the interference is eliminated, the permittee shall cease operation of any facility causing such interference until such interference is cured.
    - b. Physical Interference. The City shall give the permittee thirty (30) days to correct the interference after which the City reserves the right

to take any action it deems necessary, which could include revocation of the permit.

3. The City at all times reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary, in its sole discretion, to repair, maintain, alter, or improve the sites. Such actions may temporarily interfere with the operation of the facility. The City will in all cases, other than emergencies, give the applicant 30 days written notification of such planned, non-emergency actions.
- P. RF Exposure Compliance. All facilities must comply with all standards and regulations of the FCC and any other state or federal government agency with the authority to regulate RF exposure standards. After transmitter and antenna system optimization, but prior to unattended operations of the facility, the permittee or its representative must conduct on-site post-installation RF emissions testing to demonstrate actual compliance with the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin 65 RF emissions safety rules for general population/uncontrolled RF exposure in all sectors. For this testing, the transmitter shall be operating at maximum operating power, and the testing shall occur outwards to a distance where the RF emissions no longer exceed the uncontrolled/general population limit.
1. Testing of any equipment shall take place on weekdays only, and only between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., except that testing is prohibited on holidays that fall on a weekday. In addition, testing is prohibited on weekend days.
- Q. Records. The permittee must maintain complete and accurate copies of all permits and other regulatory approvals issued in connection with the facility, which includes without limitation this approval, the approved plans and photo simulations incorporated into this approval, all conditions associated with this approval and any ministerial permits or approvals issued in connection with this approval. In the event that the permittee does not maintain such records as required in this condition or fails to produce true and complete copies of such records within a reasonable time after a written request from the City, any ambiguities or uncertainties that would be resolved through an inspection of the missing records will be construed against the permittee.
- R. Attorney's Fees. In the event the City determines it is necessary to take legal action to enforce any of these conditions, or to revoke a permit, and such legal action is taken, the permittee shall be required to pay any and all costs of such legal action, including reasonable attorney's fees, including the City Attorney, incurred by the City, even if the matter is not prosecuted to a final judgment or is amicably resolved, unless the City should otherwise agree with permittee to waive said fees or any part thereof. The foregoing shall not apply if the permittee prevails in the enforcement proceeding.

### **12.38.100 No Dangerous Condition or Obstructions Allowed**

No person shall install, use or maintain any wireless telecommunications facility that in whole or in part rests upon, in or over any public right-of-way, when such installation, use or maintenance endangers or is reasonably likely to endanger the safety of persons or property, or when such site or location is used for public utility purposes, public transportation purposes or other governmental use, or when such facility unreasonably interferes with or unreasonably impedes the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic including any legally parked or stopped vehicle, the ingress into or egress from any residence or place of business, the use of poles, posts, traffic signs or signals, hydrants, mailboxes, permitted sidewalk dining, permitted street furniture or other objects permitted at or near said location.

### **12.38.110 Nonexclusive Grant; No Possessory Interests**

- A. No permit or approval granted under this chapter shall confer any exclusive right, privilege, license or franchise to occupy or use the public right-of-way of the City for any purpose whatsoever. Further, no approval shall be construed as a warranty of title.
- B. No possessory interest is created by a WTFP. However, to the extent that a possessory interest is deemed created by a governmental entity with taxation authority, the permittee acknowledge that the City has given to the applicant notice pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6 that the use or occupancy of any public property pursuant to a WTFP may create a possessory interest which may be subject to the payment of property taxes levied upon such interest. Wireless telecommunications facility operators shall be solely liable for, and shall pay and discharge prior to delinquency, any and all possessory interest taxes or other taxes, fees, and assessments levied against their right to possession, occupancy, or use of any public property pursuant to any right of possession, occupancy, or use created by the WTFP.
- C. The permission granted by a WTFP shall not in any event constitute an easement on or an encumbrance against the PROW. No right, title, or interest (including franchise interest) in the PROW, or any part thereof, shall vest or accrue in permittee by reason of a wireless encroachment permit or the issuance of any other permit or exercise of any privilege given thereby.

### **12.38.120 Permit Expiration; Abandonment of Applications**

- A. Permit Term. Unless Government Code Section 65964, as may be amended, authorizes the City to issue a permit with a shorter term, a permit for any wireless telecommunications facility shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years, unless pursuant to another provision of this code it lapses sooner or is revoked. At the end of ten (10) years from the date of issuance, such permit shall automatically expire.



- B. A permittee may apply for a new permit within 180 days prior to expiration. Said application and proposal shall comply with the City's current code requirements for wireless telecommunications facilities.
- C. Timing of Installation. The installation and construction authorized by a WTFP shall begin within one (1) year after its approval, or it will expire without further action by the City. The installation and construction authorized by a WTFP shall conclude, including any necessary post-installation repairs and/or restoration to the PROW, within thirty (30) days following the day construction commenced.
- D. Commencement of Operations. The operation of the approved facility shall commence no later than ninety (90) days after the completion of installation, or the WTFP will expire without further action by the City. The permittee shall provide the Community Development Director notice that operations have commenced by the same date.
- E. Extensions. Extensions of the deadlines in this Section may be approved by the same authority that approved the permit.

**12.38.130 Cessation of Use or Abandonment**

- A. A wireless telecommunications facility is considered abandoned and shall be promptly removed as provided herein if it ceases to provide wireless telecommunications services for 90 or more consecutive days unless the permittee has obtained prior written approval from the Community Development Director which shall not be unreasonably denied. If there are two or more users of a single facility, then this provision shall not become effective until all users cease using the facility.
- B. The operator of a facility shall notify the Community Development Director in writing of its intent to abandon or cease use of a permitted site or a nonconforming site (including unpermitted sites) within ten days of ceasing or abandoning use. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the operator of the facility shall provide written notice to the Community Development Director of any discontinuation of operations of 30 days or more.
- C. Failure to inform the Community Development Director of cessation or discontinuation of operations of any existing facility as required by this Section shall constitute a violation of any approvals and be grounds for:
  - 1. Litigation;
  - 2. Revocation or modification of the permit;
  - 3. Acting on any bond or other assurance required by this article or conditions of approval of the permit;

4. Removal of the facilities by the City in accordance with the procedures established under this code for abatement of a public nuisance at the owner's expense; and/or
5. Any other remedies permitted under this code or by law.

**12.38.140 Removal and Restoration—Permit Expiration, Revocation or Abandonment**

- A. Upon the expiration date of the permit, including any extensions, earlier termination or revocation of the WTFP or abandonment of the facility, the permittee, owner or operator shall remove its wireless telecommunications facility and restore the site to the condition it was in prior to the granting of the WTFP, except for retaining the landscaping improvements and any other improvements at the discretion of the City. Removal shall be in accordance with proper health and safety requirements and all ordinances, rules, and regulations of the City. Expired, terminated or revoked wireless telecommunications facility equipment shall be removed from the site by permittee at no cost or expense to the City.
- B. Failure of the permittee, owner or operator to promptly remove its facility and restore the property within 90 days after expiration, earlier termination or revocation of the WTFP, or abandonment of the facility, shall be a violation of this code. Upon a showing of good cause, an extension may be granted by the Community Development Director where circumstances are beyond the control of the permittee after expiration. Further failure to abide by the timeline provided in this Section shall be grounds for:
  1. Prosecution;
  2. Acting on any security instrument required by this chapter or conditions of approval of permit;
  3. Removal of the facilities by the City in accordance with the procedures established under this code for abatement of a public nuisance at the owner's expense; and/or
  4. Any other remedies permitted under this code or by law.
- C. Summary Removal. In the event the Community Development Director, Public Works Director, or City Engineer determines that the condition or placement of a wireless telecommunications facility located in the PROW constitutes a dangerous condition, obstruction of the PROW, or an imminent threat to public safety, or determines other exigent circumstances require immediate corrective action (collectively, "exigent circumstances"), such person may cause the facility to be removed summarily and immediately without advance notice or a hearing. Written notice of the removal shall include the basis for the removal and shall be served upon the permittee and person who owns the facility within five business days of

removal and all property removed shall be preserved for the owner's pick-up as feasible. If the owner cannot be identified following reasonable effort or if the owner fails to pick-up the property within 60 days, the facility shall be treated as abandoned property.

- D. Removal of Facilities by City. In the event the City removes a wireless telecommunications facility in accordance with nuisance abatement procedures or summary removal, any such removal shall be without any liability to the City for any damage to such facility that may result from reasonable efforts of removal. In addition to the procedures for recovering costs of nuisance abatement, the City may collect such costs from the performance bond posted and to the extent such costs exceed the amount of the performance bond, collect those excess costs in accordance with this code. Unless otherwise provided herein, the City has no obligation to store such facility. Neither the permittee, owner nor operator shall have any claim if the City destroys any such facility not timely removed by the permittee, owner or operator after notice, or removal by the City due to exigent circumstances.

#### **12.38.150 Effect on Other Ordinances**

Compliance with the provisions of this chapter shall not relieve a person from complying with any other applicable provision of this code. In the event of a conflict between any provision of this chapter and other sections of this code, this chapter shall control.

#### **12.38.160 State or Federal Law**

The implementation of this chapter and decisions on applications for placement of wireless telecommunications facilities in the PROW shall, at a minimum, ensure the requirements of this chapter are satisfied, unless it is determined the applicant has established that denial of an application would, within the meaning of federal law, prohibit or effectively prohibit the provision of personal wireless services, or otherwise violate applicable laws or regulations. If that determination is made, then the requirements of this chapter may be waived, but only to the minimum extent required to avoid the prohibition or violation.

#### **12.38.170 Legal Nonconforming Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Right-of-Way**

- A. Legal nonconforming wireless telecommunications facilities are those facilities that existed but did not conform to this chapter on the date this chapter became effective.
- B. Legal nonconforming wireless telecommunications facilities shall, within ten (10) years from the date this chapter became effective, be brought into conformity with all requirements of this article; provided, however, that should the owner desire to expand or modify the facility, intensify the use, or make some other change in a conditional use, the owner shall comply with all applicable provisions of this code

at such time, to the extent the City can require such compliance under federal and state law.

- C. An aggrieved person may file an appeal to the hearing officer of any decision by the Community Development Director made pursuant to this Section. In the event of an appeal alleging that the ten-year amortization period is not reasonable as applied to a particular property, the hearing officer may consider the amount of investment or original cost, present actual or depreciated value, dates of construction, amortization for tax purposes, salvage value, remaining useful life, the length and remaining term of the lease under which it is maintained (if any), and the harm to the public if the structure remains standing beyond the prescribed amortization period, and set an amortization period accordingly for the specific property.

**SECTION 9.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an urgency measure and shall become effective immediately upon adoption by at least a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council pursuant to Government Code section 36937(b).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_ 2019, by the following electronic vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):  
NOES: Council Member(s):  
ABSENT: Council Member(s):

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Jenelle Osborne, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

Attest:

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Stacey Haddon, City Clerk  
City of Lompoc