

**A SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1014, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1009 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE
REGULATING THE SITING OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES."**

The following is intended as a summary of Ordinance No. 1014, which is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1009, which was our original ordinance regulating the siting of wireless telecommunications facilities in the City of London, Kentucky.

Section 1 of the original ordinance is amended to eliminate certain findings made by the City of London, because the Kentucky legislature recently addressed these issues.

Section 2 of the Ordinance is unchanged.

Section 3 of the Ordinance is amended to remove entirely the language of the earlier ordinance allowing a "special use permit."

Section 4 dealing with definitions has been amended extensively and now contains definitions for the following: cellular antenna tower, cellular telecommunications service, co-location, personal communication service, uniform application, utility, and antenna or related equipment.

Section 5 and 6 of Ordinance No. 1009 have been amended extensively so that all of these previous sections are removed and Section 5 now contains specific requirements of those intending to construct an antenna tower for cellular telecommunications within the City of London and the content requirements of the application to the planning commission. The required contents of the application are specifically stated in this section of the ordinance. Section 6 of the Ordinance now contains restrictions of the Planning Commission, including a maximum fee of \$2,500.00.

Section 7 and 8 of the Ordinance has been extensively revised so that all of the previous sections are now removed. Section 7 is revised to include additional requirements of the application. Section 8 is revised as a "conflicts of law" section.

Section 9 of the Ordinance is amended to contain only the effective date of the amended ordinance.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to applicable authority granted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Federal Government.

This summary is intended as an accurate summary of Ordinance No. 1014 and is prepared by City Attorney Larry G. Bryson of London, Kentucky, who is an attorney authorized to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who certifies that this is a true and correct summary of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance is to be published in this summary form, the full text of the ordinance in its entirety is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of London, Kentucky, during regular business hours.

This the 1st day of July, 2002



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All other sections of Ordinance No. 1009 have been amended to be repealed.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF LONDON
ORDINANCE NO. 1014**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SITING OF WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

Section 1. Purpose and Legislative Intent.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 affirmed the City of London's authority concerning the placement, construction and modification of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. ~~The City of London finds that Wireless Telecommunications Facilities may pose significant concerns to the health, safety, public welfare, character and environment of the City and its inhabitants. The City also recognizes that facilitating the development of wireless service technology can be an economic development asset to the City and of significant benefit to the City and its residents.~~ Facilities, which authority is limited by State Legislation. In order to insure that the placement, construction or modification of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities is consistent with the City's land use policies, applicable law, the City is adopting a single, comprehensive, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities application and permit process. ~~The intent of this Local Ordinance is~~ is, to the extent permitted by law, to minimize the negative impact of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, establish a fair and efficient process for review and approval of applications, assure an integrated, comprehensive review of environmental impacts of such facilities, and protect the health, safety and welfare of the City of London.

Section 2. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Siting Ordinance for the City of London.

Section 3. Severability

- A) If any word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion of this Ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid for any reason, then such word, phrase, part, section, subsection, or other portion, or the proscribed Application thereof, shall be severable, and the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and all applications thereof, not having been declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect.
- ~~B) Any Special Use Permit issued under this Ordinance shall be comprehensive and not severable. If part of a permit is deemed or ruled to be invalid or unenforceable in any material respect, by a competent authority, or is overturned by a competent authority, the permit shall be void in total, upon determination by the City.~~

Section 4. Definitions.

~~For purposes of this Ordinance, and where not inconsistent with the context of a particular section, the defined terms, phrases, words, abbreviations, and their derivations shall have the meaning given in this section. When not inconsistent with the context, words in the present tense include the future tense, words used in the plural number include words in the singular number and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory, and not merely directory.~~

- ~~1. "Accessory Facility or Structure" means an accessory facility or structure serving or being used in conjunction with Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, and located on the same property or lot as the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, including but not limited to, utility or transmission equipment storage sheds or cabinets.~~

2. ~~“Applicant” means any Wireless service provider submitting an Application for a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~
3. ~~“Application” means all necessary and appropriate documentation that an Applicant submits in order to receive a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~
4. ~~“Antenna” means a system of electrical conductors that transmit or receive electromagnetic waves or radio frequency or other wireless signals. Such shall include, but not be limited to radio, television, cellular, paging, personal Telecommunications services (PCS), microwave Telecommunications and services not licensed by the FCC, but not expressly exempt from the City’s siting, building and permitting authority.~~
5. ~~“Co-location” means the use of a Tower or structure to support Antennae for the provision of wireless services without increasing the height of the Tower or structure.~~
6. ~~“Commercial Impracticability” or “Commercially Impracticable” means the inability to perform an act on terms that are reasonable in commerce, the cause or occurrence of which could not have been reasonably anticipated or foreseen and that jeopardizes the financial efficacy of the project. The inability to achieve a satisfactory financial return on investment or profit, standing alone, shall not deem a situation to be “commercial impracticable” and shall not render an act or the terms of an agreement “commercially impracticable”.~~
7. ~~“Commonwealth” means the Commonwealth of Kentucky.~~
8. ~~“Completed Application” means an Application that contains all information and/or data necessary to enable an informed decision to be made with respect to an Application.~~
9. ~~“Council” means the City council of the City of London Kentucky.~~
10. ~~“FAA” means the Federal Aviation Administration, or its duly designated and authorized successor agency.~~
11. ~~“FCC” means the Federal Communications Commission, or its duly designated and authorized successor agency.~~
12. ~~“Height” means, when referring to a Tower or structure, the distance measured from the pre-existing grade level to the highest point on the Tower or structure, even is said highest point is an Antenna or lightening protection device.~~
13. ~~“NIER” means Non Ionizing Electromagnetic Radiation.~~
14. ~~“Person” means any individual, corporation, estate, trust, partnership, joint stock company, association of two (2) or more persons having a joint common interest, or any other entity.~~
15. ~~“Personal Wireless Facility” See definition for “Wireless Telecommunications Facilities”.~~
16. ~~“Personal Wireless Services” or “PWS” or “Personal Telecommunications Service” or “PCS” shall have the same meaning as defined and used in the 1996 Telecommunications Act.~~
17. ~~“Telecommunication Site” See definition for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~
18. ~~“Special Use Permit” means the official document or permit by which an Applicant is allowed to construct and use Wireless Telecommunications Facilities as granted or issued by the City.~~
19. ~~“Stealth” or “Stealth Technology” means minimize adverse aesthetic and visual impacts on the land, property, buildings, and other facilities adjacent to, surrounding, and in generally the same area as the requested location of such Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, which shall mean using the least visually and physically intrusive facility that is not technologically or commercially impracticable under the facts and circumstances.~~
20. ~~“Telecommunications” means that the transmission and/or reception of audio, video, data, and other information by wire, radio frequency, light, and other electronic or electromagnetic systems.~~
21. ~~“Telecommunications Structure” means a structure used in the provision of services described in the definition of “Wireless Telecommunications Facilities”.~~

~~22. "Temporary" means, temporary in relation to all aspects and components of this Ordinance, something intended to, or that does, exist for fewer than ninety (90) days.~~

~~23. "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities" means and includes a "Telecommunication Tower" and "Tower" and "Telecommunication Site" and "Telecommunication Site" and "Personal Wireless Facility" means a structure, facility or location designed, or intended to be used as, or used to support, Antennas or other transmitting or receiving devices. This includes without limit, Towers of all types and kinds and structures that employ camouflage technology, including, but not limited to structures such as a multi-story building, church steeple, silo, water tower, sign or other structures that can be used to mitigate the visual impact of an Antenna or the functional equivalent of such, including all related facilities such as cabling, equipment shelters and other structures associated with the site. It is a structure and facility intended for transmitting and/or receiving radio, television, cellular, paging 911, personal Telecommunications services, commercial satellite services, microwave services and services not licensed by the FCC, but not expressly exempt from the City's siting, building and permitting authority, excluding those used exclusively for the City's fire, police or exclusively for private, non-commercial radio and television reception and private citizen's bands, amateur radio and other similar non-commercial Telecommunications where the height of the facility is below the height limits set forth in this ordinance.~~

A) "Cellular Antenna Tower" means a tower constructed for, or an existing facility that has been adapted for, the location of transmission or related equipment to be used in the provision of cellular telecommunications services or personal communications services;

B) "Cellular telecommunication service" means a retail telecommunications service that uses radio signals transmitted through cell sites and mobile switching stations;

C) "Co-location" means located two (2) or more transmission antennas or related equipment on the same cellular antenna tower;

D) "Personal Communication Service" has the meaning as defined in 47 U.S.C. sec. 332 (c); a

E) "Uniform application" means an application to construct a cellular antenna tower submitted to the planning commission in conformity with Sections 3 and 5 of KRS 100.985

F) "Utility" has the meaning as defined in KRS 278.010 (3); and

G) "Antennas or related equipment" means transmitting, receiving, or other equipment used to support cellular telecommunications service or personal communications service. This definition does not include towers.

Section 5. Overall Policy and Desired Goals for Special Use Permits for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. Application Requirements

~~In order to ensure that the placement, construction, and modification of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities protects the City's health, safety, public welfare, environmental features, the nature and character of the community and neighborhood and other aspects of the quality of life specifically listed elsewhere in this Ordinance, the City hereby adopts an overall policy with respect to a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities for the express purpose of achieving the following goals:~~

- ~~1) Implementing an Application process for person(s) seeking a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities;~~
- ~~2) Establishing a policy for examining an application for and issuing a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities that is both fair and consistent.~~

- ~~3) Ordinance promoting and encouraging, wherever possible, the sharing and/or co-location of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities among service providers;~~
- ~~4) Promoting and encouraging, wherever possible, the placement, height and quantity of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in such a manner, including but not limited to the use of stealth technology, to minimize adverse aesthetic and visual impacts on the land, property, buildings, and other facilities adjacent to, surrounding, and in generally the same area as the requested location of such Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, which shall mean using the least visually and physically intrusive facility that is not technologically or commercially impracticable under the facts and circumstances.~~

~~Section 6. Special Use Permit Application and Other Requirements.~~

- ~~A) All applicants for a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities or any modification of such facility shall comply with the requirements set forth in this section. The City Council is the officially designated agency or body of the City to whom applications for a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities must be made, and that is authorized to review, analyze, evaluate and make decisions with respect to granting or not granting, recertifying or not recertifying, or revoking special use permits for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. The City may at its discretion delegate or designate other official agencies of the City to accept, review, analyze, evaluate and make recommendations to the City Council with respect to the granting or not granting, recertifying or not recertifying or revoking special use permits for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~
- ~~B) An Application for a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall be signed on behalf of the Applicant by the person preparing the same and with knowledge of the contents and representations made therein and attesting to the truth and completeness of the information. The landowner, if different than the Applicant, shall also sign the Application. At the discretion of the City, any false or misleading statement in the Application may subject the Applicant to denial of the Application without further consideration or opportunity for correction.~~
- ~~C) Applications not meeting the requirements stated herein or which are otherwise incomplete may be rejected by the City.~~
- ~~D) The applicant shall include a statement in writing.

 - ~~1) That the applicant's proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall be maintained in a safe manner, and in compliance with all conditions of the Special Use Permit, without exception, unless specifically granted relief by the City in writing, as well as all applicable and permissible local codes, ordinances, and regulations, including any and all applicable City, Commonwealth and Federal Laws, rules, and regulations;~~
 - ~~2) That the construction of the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities is legally permissible, including, but not limited to the fact that the Applicant is authorized to do business in the Commonwealth.~~~~
- ~~E) No Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall be installed or constructed until the Application is reviewed and approved by the City, and the Special Use Permit has been issued.~~
- ~~F) No Tower owner or manager shall be permitted to submit an application for a Special Use Permit for a Tower if the Tower owner does not have a signed agreement committing a commercial service provider to occupy space on the Tower.~~

- ~~G) An application for the construction or installation of new Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall contain the information hereinafter set forth. The application shall be signed by an authorized individual on behalf of the Applicant. Where a certification is called for, such certification shall bear the signature and seal of a Professional Engineer licensed in the Commonwealth. The Application shall include the following information:~~
- ~~1) Documentation that demonstrates the need for the Wireless Telecommunications Facility to provide service primarily and essentially within the City. Such documentation shall include propagation studies of the proposed site and all adjoining planned, proposed, in-service or existing sites;~~
 - ~~2) The Name, address and phone number of the person preparing the report;~~
 - ~~3) The Name, address, and phone number of the property owner, operator, and Applicant, and to include the legal form of the Applicant;~~
 - ~~4) The Postal address and tax map parcel number of the property;~~
 - ~~5) The Zoning District or designation in which the property is situated;~~
 - ~~6) Size of the property stated both in square feet and lot line dimensions, and a diagram showing the location of all lot lines;~~
 - ~~7) The Location of nearest residential structure;~~
 - ~~8) The Location, size and height of all structures on the property which is the subject of the Application;~~
 - ~~9) The Location, size and height of all proposed and existing antennae and all appurtenant structures;~~
 - ~~10) The Type, locations and dimensions of all proposed and existing landscaping, and fencing;~~
 - ~~11) The number, type and design of the Tower(s) and Antenna(s) proposed and the basis for the calculations of the Tower's capacity to accommodate multiple users;~~
 - ~~12) The make, model and manufacturer of the Tower and Antenna(s);~~
 - ~~13) A description of the proposed Tower and Antenna(s) and all related fixtures, structures, appurtenances and apparatus, including height above pre-existing grade, materials, color and lighting;~~
 - ~~14) The frequency, modulation and class of service of radio or other transmitting equipment;~~
 - ~~15) The actual intended transmission and the maximum effective radiated power of the Antenna(s);~~
 - ~~16) Direction of maximum lobes and associated radiation of the Antenna(s);~~
 - ~~17) Certification that the NIER levels at the proposed site are within the threshold levels adopted by the FCC;~~
 - ~~18) Certification that the proposed Antenna(s) will not cause interference with other telecommunications devices;~~
 - ~~19) A copy of the FCC license applicable for the intended use of the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities;~~
 - ~~20) Certification that a topographic and geomorphologic study and analysis has been conducted, and that taking into account the subsurface and substrata, and the proposed drainage plan, that the site is adequate to assure the stability of the proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facilities on the proposed site.~~
- ~~H) In the case of a new Tower, the Applicant shall be required to submit a written report demonstrating its meaningful efforts to secure shared use of existing Tower(s) or the use of alternative buildings or other structures within the City. Copies of written requests and responses for shared use shall be provided to the City in the Application, along with any letters of rejection stating the reason for rejection.~~
- ~~I) The Applicant shall certify that the Telecommunication Facility, foundation and attachments are designed and will be constructed to meet all local, City, Commonwealth and Federal structural requirements for loads, including wind and ice loads.~~

- J) ~~The Applicant shall certify that the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities will be effectively grounded and bonded so as to protect persons and property and installed with appropriate surge protectors.~~
- K) ~~An Applicant may be required to submit an Environmental Assessment Analysis and a Visual addendum. Based on the results of the Analysis, including the Visual addendum, the City may require submission of a more detailed visual analysis. The scope of the required Environmental and visual assessment will be reviewed at the pre-application meeting.~~
- L) ~~The Applicant shall furnish a Visual Impact Assessment, which shall include:~~
- ~~1) A "Zone of Visibility Map" which shall be provided in order to determine locations from which the Tower may be seen.~~
 - ~~2) Pictorial representation of "before and after" views from key viewpoints both inside and outside of the City as may be appropriate, including but not limited to Commonwealth highways and other major roads; Commonwealth and local parks; other public lands; historic districts; preserves and historic sites normally open to the public; and from any other location where the site is visible to a large number of visitors, travelers or residents. Guidance will be provided, concerning the appropriate key sites at a pre-application meeting.~~
 - ~~3) An assessment of the visual impact of the Tower base, guy wires and accessory buildings from abutting and adjacent properties and streets as relates to the need or appropriateness of screening.~~
- M) ~~The Applicant shall demonstrate and provide in writing and/or by drawing how it shall effectively screen from view the base and all related facilities and structures of the proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~
- N) ~~Any and all representations made by the Applicant to the City on the record during the Application process, whether written or verbal, shall be deemed a part of the Application and may be relied upon in good faith by the City.~~
- O) ~~All utilities at a Wireless Telecommunications Facilities site shall be installed underground and in compliance with all Laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the City, including specifically, but not limited to, the National Electrical Safety Code and National Electrical Code where appropriate.~~
- P) ~~All Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall contain a demonstration that the Facility be sited so as to be the least visually intrusive reasonably possible and thereby have the least adverse visual effect on the environment and its character, on existing vegetation, and on the residences in the area of the Wireless Telecommunications Facility.~~
- Q) ~~Both the Wireless Telecommunications Facility and any and all accessory or associated facilities shall maximize the use of building materials, colors and textures designed to blend with the structure to which it may be affixed and/or to harmonize with the natural surroundings, this shall include the utilization of stealth or concealment technology as may required by the City.~~
- R) ~~At a Telecommunications Site, an access road, turn around space and parking shall be provided to assure adequate emergency and service access. Maximum use of existing roads, whether public or private, shall be made to the extent practicable. Road construction shall at all times minimize ground disturbance and the cutting of vegetation. Road grades shall closely follow natural contours to assure minimal visual disturbance and reduce soil erosion.~~

- ~~S) A Person who holds a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall construct, operate, maintain, repair, provide for removal of, modify or restore the permitted Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in strict compliance with all current applicable technical, safety and safety-related codes adopted by the City, Commonwealth, or United States, including but not limited to the most recent editions of the National Electrical Safety Code and the National Electrical Code, as well as accepted and responsible workmanlike industry practices and recommended practices of the National Association of Tower Erectors. The codes referred to are codes that include, but are not limited to, construction, building, electrical, fire, safety, health, and land use codes. In the event of a conflict between or among any of the preceding the more stringent shall apply.~~
- ~~T) A holder of a Special Use Permit granted under this Ordinance shall obtain, at its own expense, all permits and licenses required by applicable law, rule, regulation or code, and must maintain the same, in full force and effect, for as long as required by the City or other governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction over the applicant.~~
- ~~U) An Applicant shall submit to the City the number of completed Applications determined to be needed at the pre-application meeting. Written notification of the Application shall be provided to the legislative body of all adjacent municipalities and to the City Planning Department.~~
- ~~V) The applicant shall examine the feasibility of designing a proposed Tower to accommodate future demand for at least five (5) additional commercial applications, for example, future co-locations. The Tower shall be structurally designed to accommodate at least five (5) additional Antenna Arrays equal to those of the Applicant, and located as close to the Applicant's Antenna as possible without causing interference. This requirement may be waived, provided that the applicant, in writing, demonstrates that the provisions of future shared usage of the Tower is not technologically feasible, is Commercially Impracticable or creates an unnecessary and unreasonable burden, based upon:~~
- ~~1) The foreseeable number of FCC licenses available for the area;~~
 - ~~2) The kind of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities site and structure proposed;~~
 - ~~3) The number of existing and potential licenses without Wireless Telecommunications Facilities spaces/sites;~~
 - ~~4) Available space on existing and approved Towers.~~
- ~~W) The owner of the proposed new Tower, and his/her successors in interest, shall negotiate in good faith for the shared use of the proposed Tower by other Wireless service providers in the future, and shall:~~
- ~~1) Respond within 60 days to a request for information from a potential shared-use applicant;~~
 - ~~2) Negotiate in good faith concerning future requests for shared use of the new Tower by other Telecommunications providers;~~
 - ~~3) Allow shared use of the new Tower if another Telecommunications provider agrees in writing to pay reasonable charges. The charges may include, but are not limited to, a pro-rata share of the cost of site selection, planning, project administration, land costs, site design, construction and maintenance financing, return on equity, less depreciation, and all of the costs of adapting the Tower or equipment to accommodate a shared user without causing electromagnetic interference. Failure to abide by the conditions outlined above may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit for the Tower.~~
- ~~X) There shall be a pre-application meeting. The purpose of the pre-application meeting will be to address issues which will help to expedite the review and permitting process. A pre-application meeting shall also include a site visit if~~

~~there has not been a prior site visit for the requested site. Costs of the City's consultants to prepare for and attend the pre-application meeting will be borne by the applicant.~~

- ~~Y) The holder of a Special Use Permit shall notify the City of any intended modification of a Wireless Telecommunication Facility and shall apply to the City to modify, relocate or rebuild a Wireless Telecommunications Facility.~~
- ~~Z) In order to better inform the public, in the case of a new Telecommunication Tower, the applicant shall, prior to the public hearing on the application, hold a "balloon test". The Applicant shall arrange to fly, or raise upon a temporary mast, a minimum of a three (3) foot in diameter brightly colored balloon at the maximum height of the proposed new Tower. The dates, (including a second date, in case of poor visibility on the initial date) times and location of this balloon test shall be advertised by the applicant seven (7) and fourteen (14) days in advance of the first test date in a newspaper with a general circulation in the City. The Applicant shall inform the City, in writing, of the dates and times of the test, at least fourteen (14) days in advance. The balloon shall be flown for at least four consecutive hours sometime between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the dates chosen. The primary date shall be on a weekend, but in case of poor weather on the initial date, the secondary date may be on a weekday.~~
- AA) The applicant will provide a written copy of an analysis, completed by a qualified individual or organization, to determine if the Tower or existing structure intended to support wireless facilities requires lighting under Federal Aviation Administration Regulation Part 77. This requirement shall be for any new tower or for an existing structure or Every utility or a company that is engaged in the business of providing the required infrastructure to a utility that proposes to construct an antenna tower for cellular telecommunications services or personal communications services within the City of London
- 1) Submit a copy of the applicant's completed uniform application to the planning commission to construct an antenna tower for cellular or personal telecommunications services. The uniform application shall:
 - a) Include a grid map that shows the location of all existing cellular antenna towers and that indicates the general position of proposed construction sites for new cellular antenna towers within an area that includes all of the planning unit's jurisdiction; and a one-half (1/2) mile area outside of the boundaries of the planning unit's jurisdiction, if that area contains either existing or proposed construction sites for cellular antenna towers;
 - b) Include in any contract with an owner of property upon which a cellular antenna tower is to be constructed, a provision that specifies, in the case of abandonment, a method that the utility will follow in dismantling and removing a cellular antenna tower including a timetable for removal; and
 - c) Comply with any local ordinances concerning land use, subject to the limitations imposed by 47 U.S.C. sec. 332 (c) KRS 278.030, 278.040, and 278.280.
- B) All information contained in the application and any updates, except for any map or other information that specifically identifies the proposed location of the cellular antenna tower then being reviewed, shall be deemed confidential and proprietary within the meaning of KRS 61.878. The local planning commission shall deny any public request for the inspection of this information, whether submitted under Kentucky's Open Records Act or otherwise, except when ordered to release the information by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any

- person violating this subsection shall be guilty of official misconduct in the second degree as provided under KRS 522.030.
- C) After an applicant's submission of the uniform application to construct a cellular antenna tower, the planning commission shall:
- 1) Review the uniform application in light of its agreement with the comprehensive plan and locally adopted zoning regulations;
 - 2) Make its final decision to approve or disapprove the uniform application; and
 - 3) Advise the applicant in writing of its final decision within sixty (60) days commencing from the date that the uniform application is submitted to the planning commission or within a date certain specified in a written agreement between the local planning commission and the applicant. If the planning commission fails to issue a final decision within sixty (60) days and if there is no written agreement between the local planning commission and the applicant to a specific date for the planning commission to issue a decision the uniform application shall be deemed approved.
- D) If the planning commission disapproves of the proposed construction, it shall state the reasons for disapproval in its written decision and may make suggestions which, in its opinion, better accomplish the objectives of the comprehensive plan and the locally adopted zoning regulations. No permit for construction of a cellular or personal communications services antenna tower shall be issued until the planning commission approves the uniform application or the sixty (60) day time period has expired, whichever occurs first.
- E) The planning commission may require the applicant to make a reasonable attempt to co-locate additional transmitting or related equipment. A planning commission may provide the location of existing cellular antenna towers on which the commission deems the applicant can successfully co-locate its transmitting and related equipment. If the local planning commission requires the applicant to attempt co-location, the applicant shall provide the local planning unit with a statement indicating that the applicant has:
- 1) Successfully attempted to co-locate on towers designed to host multiple wireless service providers' facilities or existing structures such as a telecommunications tower or another suitable structure capable of supporting the applicant's facilities, and that identifies the location of the tower or suitable structure on which the applicant will co-locate its transmission and related facilities; or
 - 2) Unsuccessfully attempted to co-locate on towers designed to host multiple wireless service provider's facilities or existing structures such as a telecommunications tower or another suitable structure capable of supporting the applicant's facilities and that:
 - a) Identifies the location of the towers or other structures on which the applicant attempted to co-locate; and
 - b) Lists the reasons why the co-location was unsuccessful in each instance.
- F) The planning commission may deny a uniform application to construct a cellular antenna tower based on an applicant's unwillingness to attempt to co-locate additional transmitting or related equipment on any new or existing towers or other structures.
- G) In the event of co-location, a utility shall be considered the primary user of the tower, if the utility is the owner of the antenna tower and if no other agreement exists that prescribes an alternate arrangement between the parties for use of the tower. Any other entity that co-locates transmission or related facilities on a cellular antenna tower shall do so in a manner that does not impose additional costs or operating restrictions on the primary user.
- H) Upon the approval of an application for the construction of a cellular antenna tower by a planning commission, the applicant shall notify the Public Service Commission within ten (10) working days of the approval. The notice to the Public Service Commission shall include a map showing the location of the construction site. If an applicant fails to file notice of an approved uniform application with the Public Service Commission, the applicant shall be prohibited

from beginning construction on the cellular antenna tower until such notice has been made.

- I) A party aggrieved by a final action of a planning commission under the provisions of KRS 100.985 to 100.987 may bring an action for review in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 6. Planning Commission Restrictions

In regulating the placement of cellular antenna towers, a planning commission shall not;

- A) Regulate the placement of a cellular antenna tower on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that these facilities comply with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission concerning radio frequency emissions;
- B) Institute a moratorium upon the siting of cellular antenna towers;
- C) Charge an application fee that exceeds an amount that is reasonably related to expenses associated with processing application to construct a cellular antenna tower, up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500);
- D) Regulate the placement of antennas or related equipment on an existing cellular tower structure;
- E) ~~Building where the application increases the height of the structure or building. If this analysis determines, that the FAA must be contacted, then all filings with the FAA, all responses from the FAA and any related correspondence shall be provided in a timely manner.~~ Require the submission of application materials in addition to those required by Sections 3 and 5 of this Act (Such Act being HB 270 enacted April 15, 2002)

Section 7. ~~Location of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~ Additional Application Requirements

- A) ~~Applicants for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall locate, site and erect said Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in accordance with the following priorities, one (1) being the highest priority and six (6) being the lowest priority.~~
 - 1) ~~On existing Towers or other structures without increasing the height of the tower or structure~~
 - 2) ~~On City-owned properties;~~
 - 3) ~~On properties in areas zoned for Heavy Industrial use~~
 - 4) ~~On properties in areas zoned for Commercial use~~
 - 5) ~~On properties in areas zoned for Agricultural use~~
 - 6) ~~On properties in areas zoned for Residential use~~
- B) ~~If the proposed site is not proposed for the highest priority listed above, then a detailed explanation must be provided as to why a site of a higher priority was not selected. The person seeking such an exception must satisfactorily demonstrate the reason or reasons why such a permit should be granted for the proposed site, and the hardship that would be incurred by the Applicant if the permit were not granted for the proposed site.~~
- C) ~~An Applicant may not by pass sites of higher priority by stating the site proposed is the only site leased or selected. An Application shall address co-location as an option. If such option is not proposed, the applicant must explain to the reasonable satisfaction of the City why co-location is Commercially or otherwise Impracticable. Agreements between providers limiting or prohibiting co-location shall not be a valid basis for any claim of Commercial Impracticability or hardship.~~
- D) ~~Notwithstanding the above, the City may approve any site located within an area in the above list of priorities, provided that the City finds that the proposed site is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the City and its inhabitants and will not have a deleterious effect on the nature and character of the community and neighborhood.~~

- ~~E) The Applicant shall submit a written report demonstrating the Applicant's review of the above locations in order of priority, demonstrating the technological reason for the site selection. If appropriate, based on selecting a site of lower priority, a detailed written explanation as to why sites of a higher priority were not selected shall be included with the Application.~~
- ~~F) Notwithstanding that a potential site may be situated in an area of highest priority or highest available priority, the City may disapprove an Application for any following reasons:~~
- ~~a. Conflict with safety and safety-related codes and requirements;~~
 - ~~b. Conflict with the historic nature or character of a neighborhood or historical district;~~
 - ~~c. The use or construction of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities which is contrary to an already stated purpose of a specific zoning or land use designation;~~
 - ~~d. The placement and location of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities which would create an unacceptable risk, or the reasonable probability of such, to residents, the public, employees and agents of the City, or employees of the service provider or other service providers;~~
 - ~~e. Conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance.~~

~~Section 8. Shared use of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities and other structures.~~

- ~~A) Locating on existing Towers or other structures without increasing the height, shall be preferred by the City, as opposed to the construction of a new Tower. The Applicant shall submit a comprehensive report inventorying existing Towers and other suitable structures within four (4) miles of the location of any proposed new Tower, unless the Applicant can show that some other distance is more reasonable and demonstrate conclusively why an existing Tower or other suitable structure can not be used.~~

In addition an application shall include:

- A) The full name and address of the applicant.
- B) The applicant's articles of incorporation, if applicable
- C) A geotechnical investigation report, signed and sealed by a professional engineer registered in Kentucky, that includes boring logs and foundation design recommendations;
- D) A written report, prepared by a professional engineer or land surveyor, of findings as to the proximity of the proposed site to flood hazard areas;
- E) Clear directions from the county seat to the proposed site, including highway numbers and street names, if applicable, with the telephone number of the person who prepared the directions;
- F) The lease or sale agreement for the property on which the tower is proposed to be located except that, if the agreement has been filed in abbreviated form with the county clerk, an applicant may file a copy of the agreement as recorded by the county clerk and, if applicable, the portion of the agreement demonstrating compliance with KRS 100.987 (2);
- G) The identity and qualifications of each person directly responsible for the design and construction of the proposed tower;
- H) A site development plan or survey, signed, and sealed by a professional engineer registered in Kentucky, that shows the proposed location of the tower and all easements and existing structures within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed site on the property on which the tower will be located, and all easements and existing structures within two hundred (200) feet of the access drive, including the intersection with the public street system;
- I) A vertical profile sketch of the tower, signed, and sealed by a professional engineer registered in Kentucky, indicating the height of the tower and the placement of all antennas;

- J) The tower and foundation design plans and a description of the standard according to which the tower was designed, signed, and sealed by a professional engineer registered in Kentucky;
- K) A map, drawn to a scale no less than one (1) inch equals two hundred 9200) fee, that identifies every structure and every owner of real estate within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed tower;
- L) A statement that every person who, according to the records of the property valuation administrator, owns property within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed tower or property contiguous to the site upon which the tower is proposed to be constructed, has been:
- 1) Notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the proposed construction which notice shall include a map of the location of the proposed construction;
 - 2) Given the telephone number and address of the local planning commission; and
 - 3) Informed of his or her right to participate in the planning commission's proceeding on the application.
- M) A list of the property owners who received the notice, together with copies of the certified letters sent to the listed property owners;
- N) A statement that the chief executive officer of the affected local governments and their legislative bodies have been notified, in writing, of the proposed construction;
- O) A copy of the notice sent to the chief executive officer of the affected local governments and their legislative bodies;
- P) A statement that:
- 1) A written notice, of durable material at least two (2) feet by four (4) feet in size, stating that "(Name of applicant) proposes to construct a telecommunications tower on this site" and including the addresses and telephone numbers of the applicant and the planning commission, has been posted and shall remain a visible location on the proposed site until final disposition of the application;
 - 2) A written notice, at least two (2) feet by four (4) feet in size, stating that "(Name of applicant) proposes to construct a telecommunications tower near this site" and including the addresses and telephone numbers of the applicant and the planning commission, has been posted on the public road nearest the site;
- Q) A statement that notice of the location of the proposed construction has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the construction is proposed;
- R) A brief description of the character of the general area in which the tower is proposed to be constructed, which includes the existing land use for the specific property involved;
- S) A statement that the applicant has considered the likely effects of the installation on nearby land uses and values and has concluded that there is no more suitable location reasonably available from which adequate service to the area can be provided, and that there is no reasonably available opportunity to locate its antennas and related facilities on an existing structure, including documentation of attempts to locate its antennas and related facilities on an existing structure, if any, with supporting radio frequency analysis, where applicable, and a statement indicating that the applicant attempted to locate its antennas and related facilities on a tower designed to host multiple wireless service providers' facilities or on an existing structure, such as a telecommunication tower or other suitable structure capable of supporting the applicant's antennas and related facilities; and
- T) A map of the area in which the tower is proposed to be located, that is drawn to scale, and that clearly depicts the necessary search area within which an antenna tower should, pursuant to radio frequency requirements, be located.
- U) Any towers that exist as of the date the Ordinance is enacted may be replaced in the same structural form as the tower presently exists. Preference and encouragement, in replacement situations, shall be given in replacement situations to monopole or lattice-type structures. Any new tower shall be either monopole or lattice-type structures.

- V) No guyed towers shall be allowed in new tower construction. No guyed tower replacements shall be allowed except for guyed tower structures being replaced.

Section 8. Conflict with Other Laws.

Where this Ordinance differs or conflicts with other Laws, rules and regulations, unless the right to do so is preempted or prohibited by the City, Commonwealth or federal government, this Ordinance shall apply.

- ~~W) The maximum permitted height of a new Tower shall be one hundred-forty (140) feet based on six (6) collocated antenna arrays requiring ten (10) feet of vertical space each, and an ambient tree height of eighty (80) feet.~~

- ~~X) No Tower constructed after the effective date of this Ordinance, including allowing for all attachments, shall exceed that height which shall permit operation without required artificial lighting of any kind in accordance with municipal, City, Commonwealth, and/or any Federal statute, law, local law, City ordinance, code, rule or regulation. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage, pursuant to applicable legal and procedural requirements.~~

Section 10. Appearance and Visibility of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.

- ~~A) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall not be artificially lighted or marked, except as required by Law.~~
- ~~B) Towers shall be galvanized and painted with a rust-preventive paint of an appropriate color to harmonize with the surroundings and shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance.~~
- ~~C) If lighting is required, Applicant shall provide a detailed plan for sufficient lighting of as unobtrusive and inoffensive an effect as is permissible under Commonwealth and Federal regulations.~~
- ~~D) Any towers that exist as of the date the Ordinance is enacted may be replaced in the same structural form as the tower presently exists. Preference and encouragement, in replacement situations, shall be given in replacement situations to monopole or lattice type structures. Any new tower shall be either monopole or lattice type structures.~~
- ~~E) No guyed towers shall be allowed in new tower construction. No guyed tower replacements shall be allowed except for guyed tower structures being replaced.~~

Section 11. Security of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.

~~All Wireless Telecommunications Facilities and Antennas shall be located, fenced or otherwise secured in a manner that prevents unauthorized access. Specifically:~~

- ~~1) All Antennas, Towers and other supporting structures, including guy wires, shall be made inaccessible to individuals and constructed or shielded in such a manner that they cannot be climbed or collided with; and~~
- ~~2) Transmitters and Telecommunications control points shall be installed such a manner that they are readily accessible only to persons authorized to operate or service them.~~

Section 12. Signage.

~~Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall contain a sign no larger than four (4) square feet in order to provide adequate notification to persons in the immediate area of the~~

~~presence of an Antenna that has transmission capabilities and shall contain the name(s) of the owner(s) and operator(s) of the Antenna(s) as well as emergency phone number(s). The sign shall be on the equipment shelter or cabinet of the Applicant and be visible from the access point of the site and must identify the equipment owner of the shelter or cabinet. The sign shall not be lighted unless lighting is required by applicable law, rule or regulation. No other signage, including advertising, shall be permitted.~~

Section 13. ~~Lot Size and Setbacks.~~

~~All proposed Towers and any other proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility structures shall be set back from abutting parcels, recorded rights-of-way and road and street lines by the greater of the following distances: A distance equal to the height of the proposed Tower or Wireless Telecommunications Facility structure plus ten percent (10%) of the height of the Tower or structure, or the existing setback requirement of the underlying zoning district, whichever is greater. Any Accessory structure shall be located so as to comply with the applicable minimum setback requirements for the property on which it is situated.~~

Section 14. ~~Retention of Expert Assistance and Reimbursement by Applicant.~~

- ~~A) The city may hire any consultant and/or expert necessary to assist the City in reviewing and evaluating the Application, including the construction and modification of the site, once permitted, and any requests for recertification.~~
- ~~B) An Applicant shall deposit with the City funds sufficient to reimburse the city for all reasonable costs of consultant and expert evaluation and consultation to the City in connection with the review of any Application including the construction and modification of the site, once permitted. The initial deposit shall be \$8,500.00. The placement of the \$8,500 with the City shall precede the pre-application meeting. The City will maintain a separate escrow account for all such funds. The City's consultants/experts shall invoice the City for its services in reviewing the Application, including the construction and modification of the site, once permitted. If at any time during the process this escrow account has a balance less than \$2,500.00, the Applicant shall immediately, upon notification by the City, replenish said escrow account so that it has a balance of at least \$5,000.00. Such additional escrow funds shall be deposited with the City before any further action or consideration is taken on the Application. In the event that the amount held in escrow by the City is more than the amount of the actual invoicing at the conclusion of the project, the remaining balance shall be promptly refunded to the Applicant.~~
- ~~C) The total amount of the funds needed as set forth in subsection (B) of this section may vary with the scope and complexity of the project, the completeness of the Application and other information as may be needed to complete the necessary review, analysis and inspection of any construction or modification.~~

Section 15. ~~Exceptions from a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~

- ~~A) No person shall be permitted to site, place, build, construct, modify or prepare any site for the placement or use of, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities as of the effective date of this Ordinance without having first obtained a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, no Special Use Permit shall be required for those non-commercial exceptions noted in the definition of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~
- ~~B) All Wireless Telecommunications Facilities existing on or before the effective date of this Ordinance shall be allowed to continue as they presently exist,~~

~~provided however, that any visible modification of an existing Wireless Telecommunications Facility must comply with this Ordinance.~~

~~Section 16. Public Hearing and Notification Requirements.~~

- ~~A) Prior to the approval of any Application for a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, a public hearing shall be held by the City, notice of which shall be published in the official newspaper of the City no less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the public hearing. In order that the City may notify nearby landowners, the Applicant, the Application shall contain the names and address of all landowners whose property is located within fifteen hundred (1500) feet of any property line of the lot or parcel on which the new Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are proposed to be located.~~
- ~~B) There shall be no public hearing required for an application to co-locate on an existing tower or other structure, as long as there is no proposed increase in the height of the Tower or structure, including attachments thereto.~~
- ~~C) The City shall schedule the public hearing referred to in Subsection (A) of this section once it finds the Application is complete, the City, at any stage prior to issuing a Special Use Permit, may require such additional information as it deems necessary.~~

~~Section 17. Action on an Application for a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~

- ~~A) The City of London will undertake a review of an Application pursuant to this Ordinance in a timely fashion, and shall act within a reasonable period of time given the relative complexity of the Application and the circumstances, with due regard for the public's interest and need to be involved, and the Applicant's desire for a timely resolution.~~
- ~~B) The City of London may refer any Application or part thereof to any advisory or other committee for a non-binding recommendation.~~
- ~~C) After the public hearing and after formally considering the Application, the City may approve, approve with conditions, or deny a Special Use Permit. Its decision shall be in writing and shall be supported by substantial evidence contained in written record. The burden of proof for the grant of the permit shall always be upon the Applicant.~~
- ~~D) If the City approves the Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, then the Applicant shall be notified for such approval in writing within ten (10) calendar days of the City's action, and the Special Use Permit shall be issued within thirty (30) days after such approval. Except for necessary building permits, and subsequent Certificates of Compliance, once a special Use Permit has been granted hereunder, no additional permits or approvals from the City, such as site plan or zoning approvals, shall be required by the City for the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities covered by the Special Use Permit.~~
- ~~E) If the City denies the Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, then the Applicant shall be notified of such denial in writing within ten (10) calendar days of the City's action.~~

~~Section 18. Recertification of a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~

- ~~A) Between twelve (12) months and six (6) months prior to the five (5) year anniversary date after the effect date of the Special Use Permit and all~~

~~subsequent five-year anniversaries of the effective date of the original Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, the holder of a Special Use Permit for such Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall submit a signed written request to the _____ for recertification. In the written request for recertification, the holder of such Special Use Permit shall note the following:~~

- ~~1) The name of the holder of the Special Use Permit for the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities;~~
- ~~2) If applicable, the number or title of the Special Use Permit;~~
- ~~3) The date of the original granting of the Special Use Permit;~~
- ~~4) Whether the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities have been moved, re-located, rebuilt, or otherwise visibly modified since the issuance of the Special Use Permit and if so, in what manner;~~
- ~~5) If the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities have been moved, re-located, rebuilt, or otherwise visibly modified, then whether the city approved such action, and under what terms and conditions, and whether those terms and conditions were complied with;~~
- ~~6) That the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are in compliance with the Special Use Permit and compliance with all applicable codes, Laws, rules and regulations;~~
- ~~7) Recertification that the Tower and attachments both are designed and constructed and continue to meet all local, City, Commonwealth and Federal Structural requirements for loads, including wind and ice loads. Such recertification shall be by a Professional Engineer licensed in the Commonwealth, the cost of which shall be borne by the Applicant.~~

~~B) If, after such review, the City determines that the permitted Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are in compliance with the Special Use Permit and all applicable statutes, laws, local laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, then the City issue a recertification of the Special Use Permit for the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, which may include any new provisions or conditions that are mutually agreed upon, or that are required by applicable statutes, laws, ordinances, codes, rules or regulations. If, after such review it is determined that the permitted Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are not in compliance with the Special use Permit and all applicable statutes, laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, then the City may refuse to issue a recertification Special Use Permit for the wireless Telecommunications Facilities, and in such event, such Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall not be used after the date that the Applicant receives written notice of the decision by the City until such time as the Facility is brought into compliance. Any decision requiring the cessation of use of the Facility or imposing a penalty shall be in writing and supported by substantial evidence contained in a written record and shall be promptly provided to the owner of the Facility.~~

~~C) If the Applicant has submitted all of the information requested and required by this Ordinance, and if the review is not completed, as noted in subsection (B) of this section, prior to the five (5) year anniversary date of the Special Use Permit, or subsequent five year anniversaries, then the Applicant for the permitted Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall receive an extension of the special Use Permit for up to six (6) months, in order for the completion of the review.~~

~~D) If the holder of a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities does not submit a request for recertification of such Special Use Permit within the time frame noted in subsection (A) of this section, then such Special Use Permit, and any authorizations granted thereunder shall cease to exist on the date of the fifth anniversary of the original granting of the special use Permit, or subsequent five year anniversaries, unless the holder of the Special use Permit adequately demonstrates that extenuating circumstances prevented a timely recertification request. If the City agrees that there were legitimately extenuating circumstances, then the holder of the special Use~~

~~Permit may submit a late recertification request or Application for a new Special Use Permit.~~

~~Section 19. Extent and Parameters of Special User Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~

~~The extent and parameters of a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall be as follows:~~

- ~~1) such Special Use Permit shall be non-exclusive;~~
- ~~2) such Special Use Permit shall not be assigned, transferred or conveyed without the express prior written notification to the City.~~
- ~~3) such Special Use Permit may, following a hearing upon due prior notice to the Applicant, be revoked, canceled, or terminated for a violation of the conditions and provisions of the Special Use Permit, or for a material violation of this Ordinance after prior written notice to the holder of the Special Use Permit.~~

~~Section 20. Application Fee.~~

~~A) At the time that a person submits an Application for a Special Use Permit for a new Tower, such person shall pay a non-refundable application fee of \$5,000.00 to the City. If the Application is for a Special Use Permit for co-locating on an existing Tower or other suitable structure, where no increase in height of the Tower or structure is required, the non-refundable fee shall be \$2,000.00.~~

~~B) No Application fee is required in order to rectify a Special use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, unless there has been a visible modification of the Wireless Telecommunications Facility since the date of the issuance of the existing Special Use Permit for which the conditions of the Special Use Permit have not previously been modified. In the case of any modification, the fees provided in Subsection (A) shall apply.~~

~~Section 21. Performance Security.~~

~~The Applicant and the owner of record of any proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facilities property site shall, at its cost and expense, be jointly required to execute and file with the City a bond, or other form of security acceptable to the City as to type of security and the form and manner of execution, in an amount of at least \$75,000.00 and with such sureties as are deemed sufficient by the City to assure the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance and conditions of any Special Use Permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance. The full amount of the bond or security shall remain in full force and effect throughout the term of the Special Use Permit and/or until any necessary site restoration is completed to restore the site to a condition comparable to that which existed prior to the issuance of the original Special Use Permit.~~

~~Section 22. Reservation of Authority to Inspect Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~

~~In order to verify that the holder of a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities and any and all lessees, renters, and/or licensees of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, place and construct such facilities, including Towers and Antennas, in accordance with all applicable technical, safety, fire, building, and zoning codes, Laws, ordinances and regulations and other applicable requirements, the City may inspect all facets of said permit holder's, renter's, lessee's or licensee's placement, construction, modification and maintenance of such facilities, including, but not limited to, Towers, Antennas and buildings or other structures constructed or located on the permitted site.~~

~~Section 23. Annual NIER Certification.~~

The holder of the Special Use Permit shall, annually, certify to the City that NIER levels at the site are within the threshold levels adopted by the FCC.

Section 24. Liability Insurance.

- A) ~~A holder of a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall secure and at all times maintain public liability insurance for personal injuries, death and property damage, and umbrella insurance coverage, for the duration of the Special Use Permit in amounts as set forth below~~
- 1) ~~Commercial General Liability covering personal injuries, death and property damage: \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate;~~
 - 2) ~~Automobile Coverage: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate;~~
 - 3) ~~Workers Compensation and Disability: Statutory amounts.~~
- B) ~~The Commercial General liability insurance policy shall specifically include the City and its officers, boards, employees, committee members, attorneys, agents and consultants as additional named insureds.~~
- C) ~~The insurance policies shall be issued by an agent or representative of an insurance company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth and with a Best's rating of at least A.~~
- D) ~~The insurance policies shall contain an endorsement obligating the insurance company to furnish the City with at least thirty (30) days prior written notice in advance of the cancellation of the insurance.~~
- E) ~~Renewal or replacement policies or certificates shall be delivered to the city at least fifteen (15) days before the expiration of the insurance that such policies are to renew or replace.~~
- F) ~~Before construction of a permitted Wireless Telecommunications Facilities is initiated, but in no case later than fifteen (15) days after the grant of the Special Use Permit, the holder of the Special Use Permit shall deliver to the City a copy of each of the policies or certificates representing the insurance in the required amounts.~~

Section 25. Indemnification.

- A) ~~Any application for Wireless Telecommunication Facilities that is proposed for City property, pursuant to this Ordinance, shall contain a provision with respect to indemnification. Such provision shall require the applicant, to the extent permitted by the Law, to at all times defend, indemnify, protect, save, hold harmless, and exempt the City, and its officers, boards, employees, committee members, attorneys, agents, and consultants from any and all penalties, damages, costs, or charges arising out of any and all claims, suits, demands, causes of action, or award of damages, whether compensatory or punitive, or expenses arising therefrom, either at law or in equity, which might arise out of, or are caused by, the placement, construction, erection, modification, location, products performance, use, operation, maintenance, repair, installation, replacement, removal, or restoration of said Facility, excepting, however, any portion of such claims, suits, demands, causes of action or award of damages as may be attributable to the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the City, or its servants or agents. With respect to the penalties, damages or charges referenced herein, reasonable attorneys' fees, consultants' fee, and expert witness fees are included in those costs that are recoverable by the City.~~
- B) ~~Notwithstanding the requirements noted in subsection (A) of this section, an indemnification provision will not be required in those instances where the City itself applies for and secures a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~

Section 26. Fines.

- ~~A) In the event of a violation of this Ordinance or any Special Use Permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the City may impose and collect, and the holder of the Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall pay to the City, fines or penalties as set forth below.~~
- ~~B) A violation of this local Ordinance is hereby declared to be an offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding three hundred fifty dollars per day per occurrence or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both for conviction of a first offense; for conviction of a second offense both of which were committed within a period of five years, punishable by a fine not less than three hundred fifty dollars nor more than seven hundred dollars or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both; and, upon conviction for a third or subsequent offense all of which were committed within a period of five years, punishable by a fine not less than seven hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both. However, for the purpose of conferring jurisdiction upon courts and judicial officers generally, violations of this article or of such ordinance or regulation shall be deemed misdemeanors and for such purpose only all provisions of Law relating to misdemeanors shall apply to such violations. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.~~
- ~~C) Notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance, the holder of the Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities may not use the payment of fines, liquidated damages or other penalties, to evade or avoid compliance with this Ordinance or any section of this Ordinance. An attempt to do so shall subject the holder of the Special Use Permit to termination and revocation of the Special Use Permit. The City may also seek injunctive relief to prevent the continued violation of this Ordinance, without limiting other remedies available to the City.~~

Section 27. Default and/or Revocation.

- ~~A) If Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are repaired, rebuilt, placed, moved, re-located, modified or maintained in a way that is inconsistent or not in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Special Use Permit, then the City shall notify the holder of the Special Use Permit in writing of such violation. Such notice shall specify the nature of the violation or non-compliance and that the violations must be corrected within seven (7) days of the date of the postmark of the Notice, or of the date of personal service of the Notice, whichever is earlier. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this subsection or any other section of this Ordinance, if the violation causes, creates or presents an imminent danger or threat to the health of safety of lives or property, the City may, at its sole discretion, order the violation remedied within twenty-four (24) hours.~~
- ~~B) If within the period set forth in (A) above the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are not brought into compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, or of the Special Use Permit, or substantial steps are not taken in order to bring the affected Wireless Telecommunications Facilities into compliance, then the City may revoke such Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, and shall notify the holder of the Special Use Permit within forty-eight (48) hours of such action.~~

Section 28. Removal of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.

- ~~A) Under the following circumstances, the City may determine that the health, safety, and welfare interests of the City warrant and require the removal of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~

- ~~1) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities with a permit have been abandoned (i.e. not used as Wireless Telecommunications Facilities) for a period exceeding ninety consecutive (90) days or a total of one hundred eighty (180) days in any three hundred sixty five (365) day period, except for periods caused by force majeure or Acts of God, in which case, repair or removal shall commence within 90 days;~~
 - ~~2) Permitted Wireless Telecommunications Facilities fall into such a state of disrepair that it creates a health or safety hazard;~~
 - ~~3) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities have been located, constructed, or modified without first obtaining, or in a manner not authorized by, the required Special Use Permit, or any other necessary authorization.~~
- ~~B) If the City makes such a determination as noted in subsection (A) of this section, then the City shall notify the holder of the Special Use Permit for the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities within forty eight (48) hours that said Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are to be removed, the City may approve an interim temporary use agreement/permit, such as to enable the sale of the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.~~
- ~~C) The holder of the Special Use Permit, or its successors or assigns, shall dismantle and remove such Wireless Telecommunications Facilities and all associated structures and facilities from the site and restore the site to as close to its original condition as is possible, such restoration being limited only by physical or commercial impracticability, with ninety (90) days of receipt of written notice from the City. However, if the owner of the property upon which the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are located wishes to retain any access roadway to the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, the owner may do so with the approval of the City.~~
- ~~D) If Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are not removed or substantial progress has not been made to remove the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities within ninety (90) days after the permit holder has received notice, then the City may order officials or representatives of the City to remove the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities at the sole expense of the owner or Special Use Permit holder.~~
- ~~E) If the City removes or causes to be removed Wireless Telecommunications Facilities and the owner of the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities does not claim and remove it from the site to a lawful location within ten (10) days, then the City may take steps to declare the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities abandoned, and sell them and their components.~~
- ~~F) Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, the City may approve a temporary use permit/agreement for the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, for no more ninety (90) days, during which time a suitable plan for removal, conversion, or re-location of the affected Wireless Telecommunications Facilities shall be developed by the holder of the Special use Permit, subject to the approval of the City, and an agreement to such plan shall be executed by the holder of the Special Use Permit and City. If such a plan is not developed, approved and executed with the ninety (90) day time period, then the City may take possession of and dispose of the affected Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the manner provided in this Section.~~

Section 29. Relief.

~~Any Applicant desiring relief, waiver or exemption from any aspect or requirement of this Ordinance may request such at the pre-Application meeting, provided that the relief or exemption is contained in the original Application for either a Special Use Permit, or in the case of existing or previously granted Special Use Permit a request for modification of its Tower and/or facilities. Such relief may be temporary or permanent, partial or~~

~~complete. However, the burden of proving the need for the requested relief, waiver or exemption is solely on the Applicant to prove. The Applicant shall bear all costs of the City in considering the request and the relief, waiver or exemption. No such relief or exemption shall be approved unless the Applicant demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that, if granted the relief, waiver or exemption will have no significant effect on the health, safety and welfare of the City, its residents and other service providers.~~

~~Section 30. Periodic Regulatory Review by the City.~~

- ~~A) The City may at any time conduct a review and examination of this entire Ordinance.~~
- ~~B) If after such a periodic review and examination of this Ordinance, the City determines that one or more provisions of this Ordinance should be amended, repealed, revised, clarified, or deleted, then the City may take whatever measures are necessary in accordance with applicable Law in order to accomplish the same. It is noted that where warranted, and in the best interests of the City, the city may repeal this entire Ordinance at any time.~~
- ~~C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A) and (B) of this Section, the City may at any time, and in any manner (to the extent permitted by Federal, Commonwealth, or local law), amend, add, repeal, and/or delete one or more provisions of this Ordinance.~~

~~Section 31. Adherence to Commonwealth and/or Federal Rules and Regulations.~~

- ~~A) To the extent that the holder of a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities has not received relief, or is otherwise exempt, from appropriate Commonwealth and/or Federal agency rules or regulations, then the holder of such a Special Use Permit shall adhere to, and comply with, all applicable rules, regulations, standards, and provisions of any Commonwealth or Federal agency, including, but not limited to, the FAA and the FCC. Specifically included in this requirement are any rules and regulations regarding height, lighting, security, electrical and RF emission standards.~~
- ~~B) To the extent that applicable rules, regulations, standards, and provisions of any Commonwealth or Federal agency, including but not limited to, the FAA and the FCC, and specifically including any rules and regulations regarding height, lighting, and security are changed and/or are modified during the duration of a Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, then the holder of such a Special Use Permit shall conform the permitted Wireless Telecommunications Facilities to the applicable changed and/or modified rule, regulation, standard, or provision within a maximum of twenty-four (24) months of the effective date of the applicable changed and/or modified rule, regulation, standard, or provision, or sooner as may be required by the issuing entity.~~

~~Section 32. Conflict with Other Laws.~~


~~Where this Ordinance differs or conflicts with other Laws, rules and regulations, unless the right to do so is preempted or prohibited by the City, Commonwealth or federal government, this Ordinance shall apply.~~

~~Section 33. Effective Date.~~

~~This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage, pursuant to applicable legal and procedural requirements.~~


~~Section 34. Authority.~~

This Local Ordinance is enacted pursuant to applicable authority granted by the Commonwealth and Federal Government.



Ken Smith, Mayor

Attested:



Connie McKnight
City Clerk

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