

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
CONSOLIDATING TITLES 19 and 20 ("TELECOMMUNICATIONS") OF THE  
FAIRFAX MUNICIPAL CODE INTO A REVISED TITLE 19 WHICH ESTABLISHES  
UNIFORM AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR WIRELESS  
TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, This Ordinance is adopted as follows:

(1) The purpose of this Ordinance is to update the Town's Municipal Code to provide uniform and comprehensive standards, regulations and permit requirements for the installation of wireless telecommunications facilities in the Town including on private property and in the Town's public right-of-way.

(2) The wireless telecommunications industry has expressed interest in submitting applications for the installation of "small cell" wireless telecommunications facilities in the Town's public rights-of-way. Other California cities have already received applications for small cells to be located within the public right-of-way.

(3) If not adequately regulated, installation of small cell and other wireless telecommunications facilities within the public right-of-way can pose a threat to the public health, safety and welfare, including disturbance to the public right-of-way through the installation and maintenance of wireless facilities; traffic and pedestrian safety hazards due to the unsafe location of wireless facilities; impacts to trees where proximity conflicts may require unnecessary trimming of branches or require removal of roots due to related undergrounding of equipment or connection lines; land use conflicts and incompatibilities including excessive height or poles and towers; creation of visual and aesthetic blights and potential safety concerns arising from excessive size, heights, noise or lack of camouflaging of wireless facilities including the associated pedestals, meters, equipment and power generators; and the creation of unnecessary visual and aesthetic blight by failing to utilize alternative technologies or capitalizing on collocation opportunities which may negatively impact the unique quality and character of the Town .

(4) The Town currently regulates wireless telecommunications facilities through the zoning permit process that was enacted as Title 19 in 1999. The existing standards have not been updated to reflect current telecommunications trends or necessary legal requirements. Further the primary focus of the zoning regulations is wireless telecommunications facilities located on private property, and the existing Code provisions were not specifically designed to address the unique legal and practical issues that arise in connection with wireless telecommunications facilities deployed in the public right-of-way.

(5) Section 2902 of the California Public Utilities Code authorizes municipal corporations to retain their powers of control to supervise and regulate the relationships between a public utility and the general public in matters affecting the health, convenience, and safety of the general public, including matters such as the use and repair of public streets by

any public utility and the location of the poles, wires, mains, or conduits of any public utility on, under, or above any public streets.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) State and federal law have changed substantially since the Town last adopted regulations for wireless telecommunications facilities in the Town. Such changes include establishing "shot clocks" whereby the Town must approve or deny installations within a certain period of time. Federal regulations require local governments to act on permit applications for wireless facilities within a prescribed time period and state and federal laws and regulations permit applicants to invoke a deemed granted remedy when a failure to timely act occurs. See 47 U.S.C. § 332(c)(7)(B)(iii); 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.40001 et seq.; Cal. Gov't Code § 65964.1. Under federal law, a decision on certain applications must be made in as few as 60 days.

(9) The public right-of-way in the Town is a uniquely valuable public resource, closely linked with the Town's natural beauty, and a significant number of residential communities. The reasonably regulated and orderly deployment of wireless telecommunications facilities including in the public right-of-way is desirable, and unregulated or disorderly deployment represents an ever-increasing and true threat to the health, welfare and safety of the community.

(10) The regulations of wireless installations including in the public right-of-way are necessary to protect and preserve the aesthetics in the community, as well as the values of properties within the Town, and to ensure that all wireless telecommunications facilities are installed using the least intrusive means possible.

(11) The Town finds that in light of more recent developments in federal and state law with respect to the regulation of small cell and other wireless telecommunications facilities, there is a need for the Town to update its current ordinances based on current telecommunications trends, updates in laws, as well as aesthetic and location options for wireless facilities. The Town finds that Northern California is now experiencing an unprecedented increase in the number and intensity of wildfires exacerbated by the effects of climate change, and that power lines and electrical equipment failures are a leading cause of California wildfires; that overburdened utility poles can present a hazard of collapsing and

failing, that wireless facilities may present an electrical hazard and/or increase the risk of electrical fires if not properly regulated, installed and monitored.

(12) The Town finds that a personal residence is for most homeowners their single greatest financial asset, and that proximity of wireless facilities has been shown to adversely affect property values of personal residences. The Town further finds that aesthetic considerations in residential zones are especially important in close proximity to personal residences.

(13) The Town recognizes its responsibilities under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and state law, and believes that it is acting consistent with the current state of the law in ensuring that irreversible development activity does not occur that would harm the public health, safety, or welfare. The Town does not intend that this Ordinance prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting telecommunications service; rather, it includes appropriate regulations to ensure that the installation, augmentation and relocation of wireless telecommunications facilities including in the public right-of-way are conducted in such a manner as to lawfully balance the legal rights of applicants under the Federal Telecommunications Act and the California Public Utilities Code while, at the same time, protect to the full extent feasible against the safety and land use concerns described herein.

(14) Accordingly, regulating the installation of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Town is necessary to protect and preserve the aesthetics in the community, as well as the values of properties within the Town, and to ensure that all Wireless Telecommunications Facilities are installed using the least intrusive means possible.

Based on the foregoing, the Town Council finds and determines that the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare requires that this Ordinance be enacted.

**WHEREAS**, adoption of this Ordinance is consistent with the Town's General Plan. The Town's General Plan provides goals and policies to preserve the high-quality design, small-Town character, aesthetics and environmental characteristics while also maintaining a strong, healthy economy for its local business and assuring the health and safety of the predominantly residential character of the community. Adoption of this Ordinance will provide uniform and comprehensive regulations and standards for wireless telecommunications facilities in furtherance of these goals and objectives while reducing the potentially negative impacts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax does ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** The Fairfax Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows: A revised Chapter, Chapter 19, of the Fairfax Municipal Code is hereby enacted as set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance, which is hereby incorporated as though set forth in full herein. The existing Chapters 19 and 20 are hereby repealed.

**Section 2.** The Town Council hereby finds that Adoption of this Ordinance will enact only minor changes in land use regulations, and it can be seen with certainty that its adoption will not have a significant effect on the environment because it will not allow for the

development of any new or expanded wireless telecommunication facilities anywhere other than where they were previously allowed under existing federal, state and local regulations. The wireless facilities themselves are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15305, which exempts minor encroachment permits, and Section 15303, which exempts the installation of small equipment and facilities in a small structure. The Ordinance does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) because there is no potential that small cell facility regulations will result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because they have no potential for either a direct physical change to the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Moreover, even if the proposed Ordinances and Resolution comprise a project for CEQA analysis, the ordinance falls within the "common sense" CEQA exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), excluding projects where "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment."

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is, for any reason, deemed or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, or preempted by legislative enactment, such decision or legislation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town Council of the Town of Fairfax hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word thereof, regardless of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, or word might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional or preempted by subsequent legislation.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days following its adoption by the Town Council. Copies of this Ordinance shall, within fifteen days after its passage and adoption, be posted in three public places in the Town of Fairfax, to wit: 1. Bulletin Board, Town Hall Offices; 2. Bulletin Board, Fairfax Post Office; 3. Bulletin Board, Fairfax Women's Club building.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 17th day of July 2019, and duly adopted at the next regular meeting of the Town Council on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

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Barbara Coler, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

**Exhibit A  
ORDINANCE**

**Title 19: Telecommunications  
REVISED Chapter 19.04. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

**1 19.04.010 Purpose**

2 A. The purpose and intent of this chapter is to provide a uniform and comprehensive set  
3 of regulations and standards for the permitting, development, siting, installation, design,  
4 operation and maintenance of wireless telecommunications facilities in the Town of Fairfax  
5 to avoid visual impacts to the downtown, scenic corridors, residential and visually distinctive  
6 areas; to avoid impact to listed and candidate endangered species including habitats; and to  
7 provide a uniform and comprehensive set of standards for the orderly development of  
8 telecommunications facilities and installation of antennas. These regulations are intended to  
9 prescribe clear and reasonable criteria to assess and process applications in a consistent  
10 and expeditious manner, while reducing the impacts associated with wireless  
11 telecommunications facilities. This chapter provides standards necessary to: (1) preserve  
12 and promote harmonious land uses and the public right-of-way in the Town; (2) promote and  
13 protect public health and safety, community welfare, visual resources, and the aesthetic  
14 quality of the Town consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan;  
15 (3) provide for the orderly, managed, and efficient development of wireless  
16 telecommunications facilities in accordance with the state and federal laws, rules, and  
17 regulations; and (4) encourage new technology in the provision of wireless  
18 telecommunications facilities.

19 B. This chapter is not intended to, nor shall it be interpreted or applied to: (1) prohibit or  
20 effectively prohibit any personal wireless service provider's ability to provide personal  
21 wireless services; (2) prohibit or effectively prohibit any entity's ability to provide any  
22 interstate or intrastate telecommunications service, subject to any competitively neutral and  
23 nondiscriminatory rules or regulation for rights-of-way management; (3) unreasonably  
24 discriminate among providers of functionally-equivalent services; (4) deny any request for  
25 authorization to place, construct or modify personal wireless service facilities on the basis of  
26 environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such wireless facilities  
27 comply with the FCC's regulations concerning such emissions; or (5) prohibit any collocation  
28 or modification that the Town may not deny under federal or state law.

29 **19.04.020 Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following defined terms shall  
30 have the meaning set forth in this section, unless otherwise defined or the context clearly  
31 indicates or requires a different meaning.

32 A. **"Accessory Equipment"** means any equipment associated with the installation of a  
33 wireless telecommunications facility, including, but not limited to, cabling, generators, air  
34 conditioning units, electrical panels, equipment shelters, equipment cabinets, equipment  
35 buildings, pedestals, meters, vaults, splice boxes, and surface location markers.

36 B. **“Antenna”** means that part of a wireless telecommunications facility designed to  
37 radiate or receive radio frequency signals or electromagnetic waves for the provision of  
38 services, including, but not limited to, cellular, paging, personal communications services  
39 (PCS) and microwave communications. Such devices include, but are not limited to,  
40 directional antennas, such as panel antenna, microwave dishes, and satellite dishes;  
41 omnidirectional antennas; wireless access points (Wi-Fi); and strand-mounted wireless  
42 access points. This definition does not apply to broadcast antennas, antennas designed for  
43 amateur radio use, or satellite dishes designed for residential or household purposes.

44 C. **“Base Station”** means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. §  
45 1.40001(b)(1), as may be amended, which currently defines that term as a structure or  
46 equipment at a fixed location that enables FCC-licensed or authorized wireless  
47 communications between user equipment and a communications network. The term does  
48 not encompass a tower as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 1.40001(b)(9) or any equipment  
49 associated with a tower. The term includes, but is not limited to, equipment associated with  
50 wireless communications services such as private, broadcast, and public safety services, as  
51 well as unlicensed wireless services and fixed wireless services such as microwave  
52 backhaul. The term includes, but is not limited to, radio transceivers, antennas, coaxial or  
53 fiber-optic cable, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable equipment,  
54 regardless of technological configuration (including distributed antenna systems and small-  
55 cell networks). The term includes any structure other than a tower that, at the time the  
56 relevant application is filed with the State or local government under this chapter, supports  
57 or houses equipment described in 47 C.F.R. § 1.40001(b)(1)(i)-(ii) that has been reviewed  
58 and approved under the applicable zoning or siting process, or under another State or local  
59 regulatory review process, even if the structure was not built for the sole or primary purpose  
60 of providing such support. The term does not include any structure that, at the time the  
61 relevant application is filed with the State or local government under this chapter, does not  
62 support or house equipment described in 47 C.F.R. § 1.40001(b)(1)(i)-(ii).

63 D. **“Building-mounted”** means mounted to the side or façade, but not the roof, of a  
64 building or another structure such as a water tank, pump station, church steeple,  
65 freestanding sign, or similar structure.

66 E. **“Collocation”** means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. § 1.40001(b)(2),  
67 as may be amended, which currently defines that term as the mounting or installation of  
68 transmission equipment on an eligible support structure for the purpose of transmitting or  
69 receiving radio frequency signals for communications purposes.

70 F. **“Eligible Facilities Request”** means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. §  
71 1.40001(b)(3), as may be amended, which currently defines that term as any request for  
72 modification of an existing tower or base station that does not substantially change the  
73 physical dimensions of such tower or base station, involving: (i) collocation of new  
74 transmission equipment; (ii) removal of transmission equipment; or (iii) replacement of  
75 transmission equipment.

76 G. **“Eligible Support Structure”** means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. §  
77 1.40001(b)(4), as may be amended, which currently defines that term as any tower or base

78 station as defined in this section; provided that it is existing at the time the relevant  
79 application is filed with the State or local government under this chapter.

80 H. **“Existing”** means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. § 1.40001(b)(4), as  
81 may be amended, which currently provides that a constructed tower or base station is  
82 existing for purposes of the FCC’s Section 6409(a) regulations if it has been reviewed and  
83 approved under the applicable zoning or siting process, or under another State or local  
84 regulatory review process; provided that, a tower that has not been reviewed and approved  
85 because it was not in a zoned area when it was built, but was lawfully constructed, is  
86 existing for purposes of this definition.

87 I. **“FCC”** means the Federal Communications Commission or its duly appointed  
88 successor agency.

89 J. **“Listed Species”** means any species, endangered, threatened or rare species as listed  
90 by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Cal. Fish and Game Code §§ 2050 et seq.), the  
91 United State Fish and Wildlife Service (Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et  
92 seq.) or the National Marine Fisheries Service (re: anadromous fish), or locally  
93 designated, such as heritage trees, and natural communities, including wetland habitat  
94 or wildlife dispersal or migration corridors.

95 K. **“Modification”** means any change to an existing wireless telecommunications facility  
96 that involves any of the following: collocation, expansion, modification, alteration,  
97 enlargement, intensification, reduction, or augmentation, including, but not limited to, a  
98 change in size, shape, color, visual design, or exterior material. Modification does not  
99 include repair, replacement, or maintenance if those actions do not involve a change to the  
100 existing facility involving any of the following: collocation, expansion, modification, alteration,  
101 enlargement, intensification, reduction, or augmentation.

102 L. **“Monopole”** means a wireless communication facility support structure which consists of  
103 a self-supported monopolar structure, usually rounded, erected on the ground to support  
104 antennas and connecting appurtenances.

105 M. **“Non-Ionizing Electromagnetic Radiation”** means electromagnetic radiation primarily  
106 in the visible, infrared and radio frequency portions of the electromagnetic spectrum).

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108 N. **“Personal Wireless Services”** means the same as defined in 47 U.S.C. §  
109 332(c)(7)(C)(i), as may be amended, which defines the term as commercial mobile services,  
110 unlicensed wireless services and common carrier wireless exchange access services.

111 O. **“Personal Wireless Service Facilities”** means the same as defined in 47 U.S.C. §  
112 332(c)(7)(C)(i), as may be amended, which defines the term as facilities that provide  
113 personal wireless services.

114 P. **“Zoning administrator”** means the Town’s Planning and Building Services Director  
115 or his/her designee.

- 116 Q. **“Pole”** means a single shaft of wood, steel, concrete, or other material capable of  
117 supporting the equipment mounted thereon in a safe and adequate manner and as required  
118 by provisions of the Fairfax Municipal Code.
- 119 R. **“Public Right-of-Way or “Right-of-Way”** means any public street, public way,  
120 public alley or public place, laid out or dedicated, and the space on, above or below it, and  
121 all extensions thereof, and additions thereto, under the jurisdiction of the Town.
- 122 S. **“Reviewing Authority”** means the person or body who has the authority to review  
123 and either grant or deny a wireless telecommunications facility permit pursuant to this  
124 chapter.
- 125 T. **“RF”** means radio frequency or electromagnetic waves.
- 126 U. **“Roof-mounted”** means mounted directly on the roof of any building or structure,  
127 above the eave line of such building or structure.
- 128 V. **“Section 6409(a)”** means Section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job  
129 Creation Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156, codified as 47 U.S.C. § 1455(a), as  
130 such law may be amended from time to time.
- 131 W. **“Section 6409(a) Approval”** means the approval required by Section 6409(a).
- 132 X. **“Shared-Location”** means more than one wireless communications facility comprised  
133 of multiple structures used to support antennas operated by one or more carriers where the  
134 structures are located within proximity to each other.
- 135 Y. **“Site”** means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. § 1.40001(b)(6), as may  
136 be amended, which provides that for towers other than towers in the public rights-of-way,  
137 the current boundaries of the leased or owned property surrounding the tower and any  
138 access or utility easements currently related to the site, and, for other eligible support  
139 structures, further restricted to that area in proximity to the structure and to other  
140 transmission equipment already deployed on the ground.
- 141 Z. **“Substantial Change”** means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. §  
142 1.40001(b)(7), as may be amended, which currently defines that term differently based on  
143 the particular wireless facility type (tower or base station) and location (in or outside the  
144 public right-of-way). For clarity, this definition organizes the FCC's criteria and thresholds for  
145 a substantial change according to the wireless facility type and location.
- 146 1. For towers outside the public rights-of-way, a substantial change occurs when:
- 147 a) the proposed collocation or modification increases the overall height more than  
148 10% or the height of one additional antenna array not to exceed 20 feet  
149 (whichever is greater); or
- 150 b) the proposed collocation or modification increases the width more than 20 feet  
151 from the edge of the wireless tower or the width of the wireless tower at the



- 152 level of the appurtenance (whichever is greater); or
- 153 c) the proposed collocation or modification involves the installation of more than  
154 the standard number of equipment cabinets for the technology involved, not to  
155 exceed four; or
- 156 d) the proposed collocation or modification involves excavation outside the  
157 current boundaries of the leased or owned property surrounding the wireless  
158 tower, including any access or utility easements currently related to the site.
- 159 2. For towers in the public rights-of-way and for all base stations, a substantial  
160 change occurs when:
- 161 a) the proposed collocation or modification increases the overall height more than  
162 10% or 10 feet (whichever is greater); or
- 163 b) the proposed collocation or modification increases the width more than 6 feet  
164 from the edge of the wireless tower or base station; or
- 165 c) the proposed collocation or modification involves the installation of any new  
166 equipment cabinets on the ground when there are no existing ground-mounted  
167 equipment cabinets; or
- 168 d) the proposed collocation or modification involves the installation of any new  
169 ground-mounted equipment cabinets that are ten percent (10%) larger in  
170 height or volume than any existing ground-mounted equipment cabinets; or
- 171 e) the proposed collocation or modification involves excavation outside the area  
172 in proximity to the structure and other transmission equipment already  
173 deployed on the ground.
- 174 3. In addition, for all towers and base stations wherever located, a substantial  
175 change occurs when:
- 176 a) the proposed collocation or modification would defeat the existing concealment  
177 elements of the support structure as determined by the zoning administrator;  
178 or
- 179 b) the proposed collocation or modification violates a prior condition of approval,  
180 provided however that the collocation need not comply with any prior condition  
181 of approval related to height, width, equipment cabinets or excavation that is  
182 inconsistent with the thresholds for a substantial change described in this  
183 section.

184 The thresholds for a substantial change outlined above are disjunctive. The failure to meet  
185 any one or more of the applicable thresholds means that a substantial change would occur.  
186 The thresholds for height increases are cumulative limits. For sites with horizontally  
187 separated deployments, the cumulative limit is measured from the originally-permitted

188 support structure without regard to any increases in size due to wireless equipment not  
189 included in the original design. For sites with vertically separated deployments, the  
190 cumulative limit is measured from the permitted site dimensions as they existed on February  
191 22, 2012—the date that Congress passed Section 6409(a).

192 AA. **“Telecommunications Tower”** or **“Tower”** means a freestanding mast, pole, guyed  
193 tower, lattice tower, free standing tower or other structure designed and primarily used to  
194 support wireless telecommunications facility antennas. For the purposes of “Eligible  
195 Facilities Requests”, the term “Tower” means the same as defined by the FCC in 47  
196 C.F.R. § 1.40001(b)(9), as may be amended, which currently defines that as any  
197 structure built for the sole or primary purpose of supporting any FCC-licensed or  
198 authorized antennas and their associated facilities, including structures that are  
199 constructed for wireless communications services including, but not limited to, private,  
200 broadcast, and public safety services, as well as unlicensed wireless services and fixed  
201 wireless services such as microwave backhaul, and the associated site.

202 BB. **“Transmission Equipment”** means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. §  
203 1.40001(b)(8), as may be amended, which currently defines that term as equipment that  
204 facilitates transmission for any FCC-licensed or authorized wireless communication service,  
205 including, but not limited to, radio transceivers, antennas, coaxial or fiber-optic cable, and  
206 regular and backup power supply. The term includes equipment associated with wireless  
207 communications services, including, but not limited to, private, broadcast, and public safety  
208 services, as well as unlicensed wireless services and fixed wireless services such as  
209 microwave backhaul.

210 CC. **“Utility Pole”** means a pole or tower owned by any utility company that is primarily  
211 used to support wires or cables necessary to the provision of electrical or other utility  
212 services regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission.

213 DD. **“Wireless Services”** means any FCC-licensed or authorized wireless  
214 communication service transmitted over frequencies in the electromagnetic spectrum.

215 EE. **“Wireless Telecommunications Facility”** means any facility constructed, installed,  
216 or operated for wireless service. “Wireless telecommunications facility” includes, but is not  
217 limited to, antennas or other types of equipment for the transmission or receipt of such  
218 signals, telecommunications towers or similar structures supporting such equipment, related  
219 accessory equipment, equipment buildings, parking areas, and other accessory  
220 development. “Wireless telecommunications facility” does not mean any of the following:

221 1. A ground-, building- or tower-mounted antenna facility operated by a federally  
222 licensed amateur radio operator as part of the Amateur Radio Service that  
223 qualifies as an amateur station as defined by the FCC, 47 C.F.R. Part 97, of the  
224 Commission’s Rules, or its successor regulation, provided that the antenna does  
225 not exceed 30 feet above grade and is subject to the allowable setbacks pursuant  
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2. A single ground- or building-mounted receive-only radio or television antenna facility, for the sole use of the owner or tenant occupying a parcel on which the antenna is located, that is subject to the FCC Over-The-Air-Reception Devices rule, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.4000, or any successor regulation, including, but not limited to, TV antennas used to receive television broadcast signals and wireless cable antennas. The antenna is not to exceed 30 feet above grade and must be subject to the allowable setbacks pursuant to Title 17.
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3. A single ground-, pole- or building- mounted receive-only radio or television satellite dish antenna, not to exceed 48 inches in diameter, for the sole use of the owner or tenant occupying a parcel on which the antenna is located; satellite dish antenna height not to exceed the height of the roof ridge of the host structure; (All such applications shall be subject to regulations pursuant to Title 17.)
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4. Portable radios and devices including, but not limited to, hand-held, vehicular, or other portable receivers, transmitters or transceivers, cellular phones, CB radios, emergency services radio, and other similar portable devices as determined by the zoning administrator.
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5. Wireless telecommunications facilities owned and operated by any government agency.
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6. Wireless telecommunications facilities owned and operated by any emergency medical care provider.
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7. Mobile services providing public information coverage of news events of a temporary nature.
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8. Any wireless telecommunications facilities exempted from the Fairfax Municipal Code by federal law or state law.

251 **19.04.030 Applicability**

- 252 A. This chapter applies to all wireless telecommunications facilities as follows:
- 253 1. All facilities for which applications were pending prior to the effective date of this  
254 chapter shall be subject to and comply with all provisions of this chapter;
- 255 All facilities, notwithstanding the date approved, shall be subject immediately to  
256 the provisions of this chapter governing the operation and maintenance, cessation  
257 of use and abandonment, removal and restoration of wireless telecommunications  
258 facilities and wireless telecommunications collocation facilities and the prohibition  
259 of dangerous conditions or obstructions by such facilities; provided, however, that  
260 in the event a condition of approval conflicts with a provision of this chapter, the  
261 condition of approval shall control unless and until the permit is amended or  
262 revoked.

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264 B. Notwithstanding any provision of the Fairfax Municipal Code to the contrary, provisions  
265 governing the installation of a public utility structure or facility shall not apply to wireless  
266 telecommunications facilities. Title 19 shall govern all applications for wireless  
267 telecommunications facilities.

268 **19.04.040 Wireless Telecommunications Facility Permit Required**

269 A. **Permit required.** No wireless telecommunications facility shall be located or  
270 modified within the Town on any property, including the public right-of-way, without  
271 compliance with this chapter.

272 Excluding Eligible Facilities Request applications, applications for wireless facilities shall  
273 require a use permit subject to the requirements of this chapter, to be acted upon by the  
274 Planning Commission pursuant to Chapter 17.032, and other permits as set forth in the table  
275 below, in addition to any other permit required pursuant to the Fairfax Municipal Code.  
276 Eligible Facilities Request applications shall be processed according to the requirements of  
277 Section 19.04.140.

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279 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a conditional use permit shall be  
280 required for a facility when an exception is requested. Subject to any applicable limitations  
281 in federal or state law, nothing in this Chapter is intended to limit the approval authority's  
282 ability to conditionally approve or deny without prejudice any application for a use permit as  
283 may be necessary or appropriate to protect and promote the public health, safety and  
284 welfare, and to advance the goals or policies in the Fairfax Municipal Code or the General  
285 Plan.  
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Description of Wireless Facility	Private Property			Public Right-of-Way <sup>3</sup>
	RS, RD, RM, PDD, UR Residential Zoning Districts and CR Commercial Zoning district	OA and PD Zoning district	All Other Zoning Districts	Non-Residential Zoning Districts except for OA, PD, and CR
Roof-mounted facility, building-mounted facility, or facility mounted on an existing pole	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Conditional Use Permit/ Design Review	Conditional Use Permit/ Design Review
Facility mounted on a replacement pole or new telecommunications tower	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Conditional Use Permit/ Design Review	Conditional Use Permit/ Design Review
New wireless telecommunications collocation facility	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Conditional Use Permit/ Design Review	Conditional Use Permit/ Design Review
Eligible facilities request <sup>1</sup> or application pursuant to California Government Code Section 65850.6 <sup>2</sup>	Permitted	Not Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
	<sup>1</sup> See requirements of section 19.04.140. <sup>2</sup> See requirements of section 19.04.150. <sup>3</sup> For any public right-of-way on the boundary between zoning districts, the zone applicable to the location of a Wireless Telecommunication Facility shall be determined based upon the closest district adjacent to the facility's location. The centerline of the public right-of-way will be used as the boundary between districts.			

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288 B. **Non-exclusive grant; No warranty.** No approval granted under this chapter shall  
289 confer any exclusive right, privilege, license, or franchise to occupy or use the public right-  
290 of-way of the Town for delivery of telecommunications services or any other purposes.  
291 Further, no approval shall be construed as any warranty of title.

292 **19.04.050 Application for Permit**

293 A. **Application content.** All applications for a permit required by this chapter must be  
294 made in writing on such form as the zoning administrator prescribes. The zoning  
295 administrator may waive the requirements for submittal of any information described herein  
296 only when determined that it is inapplicable based on project-specific factors, and  
297 documentation is provided to that effect. For permit applications other than Eligible Facilities  
298 Requests (which are addressed in Section 19.04.140), the form shall include the following  
299 information, in addition to all other information determined necessary by the zoning  
300 administrator or the Town as part of an application for a conditional use permit, variance,  
301 and design review:

- 302 1. Full name and contact information for the facility owner, facility operator, agent (if  
303 any), and property owner, and related letter(s) of authorization.
- 304 2. The type of facility, including a full written description of the proposed facility, its  
305 purpose, technical specifications, and an assessment of any fire hazard a  
306 proposed installation presents to surrounding vegetation and structures;
- 307 3. A detailed site and engineering plan of the proposed facility containing the exact  
308 proposed location of the facility, created by a qualified licensed engineer and in  
309 accordance with requirements set by the zoning administrator. The site and  
310 engineering plan shall display the dimensions of each proposed facility, including  
311 its height from the ground level. Applicants must demonstrate that facilities have  
312 been designed to attain the minimum height required from a technological  
313 standpoint for the proposed site. The site and engineering plans shall show the  
314 proposed facility from each cardinal direction. The site and engineering plan shall  
315 also include technical information, including, but not limited to visual analysis,  
316 alternative sites analysis, landscape plans, lighting plans, and architectural and  
317 engineering plans. Technical information, including, but not limited to Radio  
318 frequency reports, visual analysis, alternative sites analysis, landscape plans,  
319 lighting plans, and architectural and engineering plans shall be prepared by an  
320 appropriate qualified professional acceptable to the zoning administrator
- 321 4. The visual analysis shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, a photo  
322 montage or photo simulation and story poles erected at the proposed site (and  
323 surrounded by temporary construction fencing) or other similar technique. The  
324 visual analysis shall address visually distinctive areas and scenic corridors as  
325 depicted and described in the Fairfax general plan, views from public vantage  
326 points and private residences if determined appropriate by the Town. The visual  
327 analysis shall also depict cumulative conditions by including information pertaining  
328 to existing, approved and proposed telecommunications facilities that will or may  
329 eventually be constructed at the site by all carriers based upon permit applications  
330 which have been filed with or approved by the Town. The visual analysis may be  
331 expanded to include alternative locations within the proposed service area.

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- 333 5. Photographs of facility equipment and an accurate visual impact analysis with  
334 photo simulations.
- 335 6. Proof of all applicable licenses or other approvals required by the FCC.
- 336 7. A technically sufficient written report certified by a qualified radio frequency  
337 emissions engineer, certifying that the facility, operating by itself and in  
338 combination with other existing or approved facilities which can be measured at  
339 the proposed facility site, is in compliance with such FCC standards.  
340 Measurements for radio frequency emissions shall be based on all proposed,  
341 approved and existing facilities operating at maximum power densities at all  
342 relevant frequencies being used. Posting of a financial security may be required  
343 as a condition of approval to pay the cost for preparation of radio frequency  
344 reports evaluating the conformance of approved and operative facilities with  
345 applicable health standards adopted by the FCC. The carrier may post a single  
346 financial security in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and indexed to the annual  
347 construction index hereafter, to satisfy radio frequency performance reports for  
348 buildout of the carrier's network facilities plan.
- 349 8. If the application is for a facility that will be located within the public right-of-way,  
350 the applicant shall certify that it is a telephone corporation or state the basis for its  
351 claimed right to enter the right-of-way, and provide a copy of its certificate of  
352 public convenience and necessity (CPCN), if a CPCN has been issued by the  
353 California Public Utilities Commission.
- 354 9. A written description identifying the geographic service area for the subject  
355 installation, accompanied by a plan and maps showing anticipated future  
356 installations and modifications for the following two years.
- 357 10. A written report that analyzes acoustic levels for the proposed wireless  
358 telecommunications facility and all associated equipment, including, without  
359 limitation, all environmental control units, sump pumps, temporary backup power  
360 generators, and permanent backup power generators in order to demonstrate  
361 compliance with chapter 8.20 (Noise Control). The acoustic analysis must be  
362 prepared and certified by a qualified engineer and include an analysis of the  
363 manufacturer specifications for all noise-emitting equipment and a depiction of the  
364 proposed equipment relative to all adjacent property lines. In lieu of a written  
365 report, the applicant may submit evidence from the equipment manufacturer that  
366 the ambient noise emitted from all the proposed equipment will not, both  
367 individually and cumulatively, exceed the applicable limits.
- 368 11. If the applicant claims it requires an exception to the requirements of this chapter,  
369 all information and studies necessary for the Town to evaluate that claim.
- 370 12. An application and processing fee and a deposit for a consultant review as set  
371 forth in paragraph (B) of this section.

372 13. A copy of any land use easement or restriction (access, open space, public utility  
373 and the like) which encumbers the proposed facility site, as well as a copy of the  
374 proposed site's title report.

375 14. A detailed lighting plan including the location and type of all exterior lighting  
376 fixtures.

377 15. Public Notification. Proof that the applicant has provided public notification, at its  
378 own cost, via mail to all property owners and occupants within a radius of 300 feet  
379 from its proposed facilities. Information regarding the application shall be  
380 displayed on the outside of the envelope.

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382 16. Any other studies or information determined necessary by the zoning  
383 administrator.

384 B. **Independent expert.** The zoning administrator is authorized to retain on behalf of  
385 the Town an independent, qualified consultant to review any application for a permit for a  
386 wireless telecommunications facility. The cost of this review shall be paid by the applicant  
387 through a deposit pursuant to an adopted fee schedule resolution. Such fee resolution may  
388 include the contract price of a third party consultant and the Town's overhead costs for staff  
389 time expended on administration of the consultant contract. The independent consultant  
390 shall have maximum latitude as to how and when monitoring is done. The consultant may  
391 review the technical aspects of the application, including, but not limited to, the following  
392 matters:

393 The accuracy, adequacy, and completeness of submissions;

394 Compliance with applicable radio frequency emission standards and applicable electrical  
395 codes and fire codes and best practices for fire and electrical safety;

396 Whether any requested exception is justified;

397 An engineering and seismic assessment of the proposed installation to ensure that the  
398 proposed location is structurally adequate to support the proposed installation, and that the  
399 installation will meet the seismic standards set forth for "Risk Category IV" for "essential  
400 facilities" as set forth in the California Building Code (CBC), and that it is adequately  
401 engineered to withstand the maximum wind loads that could be reasonably anticipated for  
402 the location. For installations on utility poles, the assessment would be based on  
403 conformance to CPUC standards;

404 An assessment of any fire hazard a proposed installation presents to surrounding vegetation  
405 and structures;

406 An assessment of any impact on trees or flora;

407 A technical evaluation of alternative sites, facility designs or configurations, and coverage



408 analysis; and

409 The validity of conclusions reached or claims made by applicant.

410 **C. Procedures for a Duly Filed Applications**

411 1. *Voluntary Pre-Submittal Conference.* Before application submittal, applicants are  
412 encouraged (but not required) to schedule and attend a pre-application meeting  
413 with the zoning administrator. A pre-submittal conference is intended to  
414 streamline the review process through informal discussion that includes, without  
415 limitation, the appropriate project classification, including whether the project  
416 qualifies for Section 6409(a); potential concealment issues (if applicable);  
417 coordination with other Town departments responsible for application review; and  
418 application completeness issues. To mitigate unnecessary delays due to  
419 application incompleteness, applicants are encouraged (but not required) to bring  
420 any draft applications or other materials so that Town staff may provide informal  
421 feedback about whether such applications or other materials may be incomplete  
422 or unacceptable.

423 2. *Submittal Appointment.* All applications must be filed with the Town at a pre-  
424 scheduled appointment with the zoning administrator or his/her designee.  
425 Applicants may generally submit one (1) application per appointment, but may  
426 schedule successive appointments for multiple applications whenever feasible.  
427 Any application received without an appointment, whether delivered in-person or  
428 through any other means, will not be considered duly filed, unless the applicant  
429 received a written exemption from the zoning administrator at a pre-submittal  
430 conference.

431 3. *Appointment Scheduling Procedures.* For any event in the submittal process that  
432 requires an appointment, applicants must submit a written request to the zoning  
433 administrator.

434 *Applications Deemed Denied.* To promote efficient review and timely decisions, the Town  
435 may deem an application denied without prejudice to the applicant to re-file as a new  
436 application when the applicant fails to tender a substantive response to the Town within  
437 ninety (90) calendar days after the Town deems the application incomplete in a written  
438 notice to the applicant.

439 **19.04.060 Location and Configuration Preferences**

440 A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines to applicants and the  
441 reviewing authority regarding the preferred locations and configurations for wireless  
442 Telecommunication Facilities in the Town, provided that nothing in this section shall be  
443 construed to permit a wireless Telecommunication Facility in any location or configuration  
444 that is otherwise prohibited by this chapter.

445 B. **Review of Location and Configuration.** The reviewing authority shall consider the  
446 extent to which a proposed wireless Telecommunication Facility complies with these

447 preferences and whether there are feasible alternative locations or configurations to the  
448 proposed facility that are more preferred under this section.

449 C. **Order of Preference - Configurations.** The order of preference for the configuration  
450 for wireless Telecommunication Facilities from most preferred to least preferred is:

- 451 1. Collocation with existing facilities outside the public rights-of-way;
- 452 2. Roof-mounted;
- 453 3. Building-mounted;
- 454 4. Mounted on an existing pole or utility pole;
- 455 5. Mounted on a new pole or utility pole that will replace an existing pole or utility  
456 pole; and
- 457 6. Mounted on a new telecommunication tower or pole.

458 D. **Order of Preference - Location.** The order of preference for the location of wireless  
459 telecommunications facilities from most preferred to least preferred is:

- 460 1. In the CH zoning district;
- 461 2. In the CS zoning district;
- 462 3. In the CC zoning district;
- 463 4. In the CL zoning district;
- 464 5. In the PD zoning district; and
- 465 6. In the public right-of-way with the closest adjacent district being a commercial  
466 district.

467 E. Applications for new wireless communications facilities shall only be for placement a  
468 minimum of 50 feet from all residences and a minimum 300 feet from child day care  
469 centers, schools, playgrounds, parks, ballfields, and medical facilities unless the  
470 applications include information sufficient to demonstrate:

- 471 (1) The location and type of preferred sites which exist within the proposed or  
472 technically feasible coverage area is mapped;
- 473 (2) The preferred location site was not available as shown by the good faith efforts and  
474 measures taken by the carrier to secure the preferred location sites;
- 475 (3) Specific reasons why such efforts and measures were unsuccessful;
- 476 (4) Specific reasons why the location of the proposed facility site is essential to meet

477 the service demands of the carrier; and

478 (5) Through reports required pursuant to § 19.04.050 demonstrating compliance with  
479 current federal health standards.

480 F. Wireless communications facilities shall be attached or sited adjacent to existing  
481 structures unless the carrier demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Town that no other  
482 technically feasible site exists or that construction of a freestanding facility on or at a  
483 distant location from an existing structure will mitigate adverse effects related to land use  
484 compatibility, visual resources, public safety and other environmental factors addressed  
485 by CEQA. Appropriate types of existing structures may include, but not be limited to:  
486 buildings, water tanks and some telephone/utility poles.

487 G. Monopoles for wireless communications facilities should not be located in residential or  
488 open space areas unless technical evidence demonstrates to the satisfaction of the  
489 Town that no other alternative facility site or type of antenna support structure is feasible  
490 and/or if the use of a Monopole for the proposed facility by itself or in combination with  
491 other existing, approved and proposed facilities will avoid or mitigate adverse effects  
492 related to land use compatibility, visual resources and public safety.

493 H. **Accessory equipment.** In order of preference from most preferred to least  
494 preferred, accessory equipment for wireless telecommunication facilities and wireless  
495 telecommunications collocation facilities (excluding antennas and electric meters) shall be  
496 located underground where possible, within a building or structure, on a screened roof top  
497 area or structure, or in a rear yard if not readily visible from surrounding properties and the  
498 roadway, unless the reviewing authority finds that another location is preferable under the  
499 circumstances of the application. The applicant shall bear the burden of demonstrating that  
500 accessory equipment cannot be placed in the most preferred location.

501 I. Collocation and Shared-Location of wireless telecommunications facilities should be  
502 required when it is feasible and mitigates adverse effects related to land use compatibility,  
503 visual resources, public safety and other environmental factors addressed by  
504 CEQA. Collocation and Shared-Location sites should not be required when it creates or  
505 significantly increases such adverse effects and/or technical evidence demonstrates to the  
506 satisfaction of the Town that it is not feasible due to service impairment or operational  
507 failures. To ensure adequate and complete consideration of Collocation and Shared-  
508 Location siting of proposed wireless communications facilities, the carrier may be required to  
509 submit to the Town a graphic and written analysis which identifies all technically feasible  
510 sites within the coverage area that would accommodate the proposed service. The analysis  
511 shall include:

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513 1. Enough information to provide adequate consideration of technically feasible  
514 alternative sites and/or facility designs that would avoid or minimize adverse effects related  
515 to land use compatibility, visual resources, public safety and other environmental factors  
516 addressed by CEQA;

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518 2. In writing, the specific factors for selection of the proposed facility site over

- 519 alternative sites;  
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521 3. Facilities which are not proposed to be sited on a Collocation or Shared-  
522 Location site shall provide information substantiating the unfeasibility of the sites; and  
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524 4. The Town may require independent peer review of the analysis prior to making  
525 a decision on the permit applications. The analysis should, to the extent practical, be  
526 incorporated with the coverage area map.  
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528 J. The Town should, to the extent practicable and legal, discourage leases which convey  
529 exclusive (i.e., single user) rights for new wireless communications facilities to the extent  
530 that the leases may preclude development of a suitable Collocation facilities site.  
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532 K. The design of Collocation sites should promote shared use among different carriers. To  
533 the extent feasible, antenna support and equipment structures should be designed to  
534 consolidate future planned facilities to eliminate or minimize the visual clutter resulting  
535 from multiple telecommunications structures. Where appropriate, as demonstrated by the  
536 carrier and determined by the Town, multiple antenna support structures may be  
537 approved (Shared-Location) rather than a single larger/higher structure. Facilities should  
538 make available unutilized space for Collocation of other antennas and equipment,  
539 including space for competing service carriers.  
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541 **19.04.070 Design and Development Standards for All Facilities**

- 542 A. **Basic requirements.** The design and development standards set forth in this  
543 section apply to all wireless telecommunications facilities no matter where they are located.  
544 Wireless telecommunications facilities shall be designed and maintained so as to minimize  
545 visual, noise, and other impacts on the surrounding community and shall be planned,  
546 designed, located, and erected in accordance with the design and development standards in  
547 this section.
- 548 B. **Build-out Period.** Approvals will automatically expire six (6) months from the issuance  
549 date, unless the permittee obtains all other permits and approvals required to install,  
550 construct and operate the approved wireless facility, which includes, without limitation,  
551 permits required pursuant to Title 15, and any other permits or approvals required by any  
552 federal, state, or local public agencies with jurisdiction over the subject property, the  
553 wireless facility, or its use and constructs the approved facility. The zoning administrator  
554 may grant one (1) written extension to a date certain when the permittee shows good  
555 cause to extend the limitations period in a written request for an extension submitted at  
556 least 30 days prior to the automatic expiration date in this subparagraph. No further  
557 extensions may be granted but the permittee may resubmit a complete application,  
558 including all application fees for the same or substantially similar project.
- 559 C. **General guidelines.**
- 560 1. The applicant shall employ screening and camouflage design techniques in the

561 design and placement of wireless telecommunications facilities in order to ensure that  
562 the facility is as visually inconspicuous as possible, to prevent the facility from  
563 dominating and disrupting the surrounding area, and to hide the facility from  
564 predominant views from surrounding properties, all in a manner that achieves  
565 compatibility with the community.

566 2. For open space or hillside locations that would be generally viewed from a distance,  
567 innovative design solutions may be appropriate where the screening potential of a  
568 site is low (i.e., disguise facility as a landscape element, public art and the like).

569 3. Facilities should not be located on historically or architecturally significant structures  
570 unless the Secretary of Interior's guidelines determine that facilities can be visually  
571 and architecturally integrated with the structure; historical landscapes shall be  
572 avoided.

573 4. Facilities should be sited to avoid adverse impacts to existing views from surrounding  
574 residences.

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577 D. **Traffic safety; Roads.** All facilities shall be designed and located in such a manner  
578 as to avoid adverse impacts on traffic safety. Whenever feasible, existing roads and parking  
579 areas should be used to access, build and service new telecommunications facilities. Any  
580 new access roads or parking areas constructed shall be shared with subsequent  
581 telecommunications facilities and/or other permitted uses to the extent feasible. New  
582 access roads constructed in open space areas shall have the minimum width and surfacing  
583 necessary to meet fire safety and access requirements, and shall be graded and drained  
584 consistent with Town Code Chapter 8.26, Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention. The size of  
585 new parking areas shall be limited to the minimum necessary to accommodate vehicles  
586 associated with periodic maintenance of the facility.

587 E. **Antennas.** The applicant shall use the least visible antennas possible to accomplish  
588 the coverage objectives. Antenna elements shall be flush mounted, to the extent  
589 reasonably feasible. All antenna mounts shall be designed so as not to preclude possible  
590 future collocation by the same or other operators or carriers. Antennas shall be situated as  
591 to reduce visual impact without materially compromising their function. Whip antennas need  
592 not be screened.

593 F. **Landscaping; Vegetation.**

594 1. Where appropriate, facilities shall be installed so as to maintain, protect, and enhance  
595 existing landscaping on the site, including trees, foliage, and shrubs, whether or not  
596 utilized for screening. Additional landscaping shall be planted, irrigated, and  
597 maintained where such vegetation is deemed necessary by the Town to provide  
598 screening or to block the line of sight between facilities and adjacent uses.  
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- 600 2. Applications for Wireless Facilities shall be accompanied by a landscape plan that  
601 shows existing vegetation, indicates any vegetation proposed for removal or  
602 trimming, and identifies proposed planting by type, size and location. The emphasis  
603 of the landscape plan should be to visually screen the proposed facility and stabilize  
604 soils on sloping sites. Introduced vegetation shall be native, drought tolerant species  
605 compatible with the predominant natural setting of the project area.  
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607 3. Existing trees and other screening vegetation in the vicinity of the proposed  
608 facility and associated accessways shall be protected from damage both during and  
609 after construction. Submission of a tree protection plan may be required to ensure  
610 compliance with this requirement.  
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612 4. All vegetation disturbed during project construction shall be replanted with  
613 compatible vegetation and soils disturbed by development shall be reseeded to  
614 control erosion.  
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616 5. No vegetation shall be removed subsequent to project completion, except to  
617 comply with local and state fire safety regulations, to prevent the spread of disease  
618 as required by the state's Food and Agriculture Department, or to prevent safety  
619 hazards to people and property.  
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621 6. The carrier shall enter into a landscape performance and maintenance agreement  
622 with the Town to ensure the installation and establishment of required  
623 landscaping. This agreement shall be secured by financial securities in an amount  
624 equal to 150 percent of estimates to cover the cost of materials and labor for required  
625 improvements. The duration of the landscape maintenance agreement shall be for a  
626 minimum period of no less than one year and may be extended for an additional  
627 period of up to two additional years upon renewal of the permit applications.  
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629 7. Antennas and associated structures and equipment shall be painted to blend with the  
630 structures, vegetation, sky or landscape against which they will be primarily viewed.  
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632 8. Wireless telecommunications facilities are not permitted on ridgelines
- 633 G. **Signage.** Wireless telecommunications facilities and wireless telecommunications  
634 collocation facilities shall not bear any signs or advertising devices other than certification,  
635 warning, or other signage required by law or permitted by the Town.
- 636 H. **Lighting.** No wireless telecommunications facility may be illuminated, unless either  
637 specifically required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other government agency or  
638 in association with the illumination of an athletic field on Town or school property. Lightning  
639 arresters and beacon lights are not permitted, unless required by the Federal Aviation  
640 Administration, FCC or other applicable regulations for health and safety. Legally-required  
641 lightning arresters and beacons shall be included when calculating the height of facilities. If  
642 lighting is permitted, the following requirements apply to such lighting:

- 643 1. Mechanically-operated, low wattage, hooded and downward directed exterior lighting  
644 shall be permitted for safety purposes only and shall be kept off, except when  
645 maintenance or safety personnel are present at night.  
646 2. Tower lighting required under FAA regulations should, to the greatest extent feasible,  
647 be shielded or directed to minimize light and glare impacts visible from publicly  
648 accessible areas.  
649 3. Nighttime lighting of warning signs required near publicly accessible facilities must  
650 consist of low-wattage fixtures, and must be directed downward and hooded to  
651 mitigate impacts visible from publicly accessible areas.

652 I. **Noise.**

- 653 1. Each wireless telecommunications facility and wireless telecommunications  
654 collocation facility shall be operated in such a manner so as to minimize any  
655 possible disruption caused by noise.  
656 2. Normal testing and maintenance activities shall not take place weekends, holidays  
657 or between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., excluding emergency  
658 repairs. Normal testing and maintenance activities, which do not involve the use  
659 or operation of telecommunications and maintenance equipment that is audible  
660 from residences and other nearby sensitive receptors, may occur at all other  
661 times.  
662 3. Backup generators shall only be operated during periods of power outages or  
663 emergency occurrences, and shall not be tested on weekends, holidays, or  
664 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.  
665 4. At no time shall equipment noise from any facility exceed an exterior noise level of  
666 50 dBA at the facility's property line if the facility is located in a business or  
667 commercial zone that permits those uses; provided, however, that for any such  
668 facility located within 500 feet of any property zoned residential or improved with a  
669 residential use, such equipment noise shall not exceed an exterior noise level of  
670 40 dBA at the property line of any such residential property. For any facility  
671 located within a residential zone, such equipment noise shall at no time be audible  
672 at the property line of any residentially-improved or residential zoned property.  
673 5. Any equipment, including, but not limited to, air conditioning units, that may emit  
674 noise that would be audible from either beyond three feet from the facility in the  
675 case of a facility located in the right-of-way, or the facility's property line in the  
676 case of other facilities, shall be enclosed or equipped with noise attenuation  
677 devices to the extent necessary to ensure compliance with applicable noise  
678 limitations under the Fairfax Municipal Code.

- 679 J. **Security.** Each wireless telecommunications facility shall be designed to be resistant  
680 to, and minimize opportunities for, unauthorized access, climbing, vandalism, graffiti, and  
681 other conditions that would result in hazardous situations, visual blight, or attractive  
682 nuisances. The reviewing authority may require the provision of warning signs, fencing,

683 anti-climbing devices, or other techniques to prevent unauthorized access.

684 K. **Modification.** At the time of modification of a wireless telecommunications facility,  
685 existing equipment shall, to the extent feasible, be replaced with equipment that reduces  
686 visual, noise, and other impacts, including but not limited to undergrounding the equipment  
687 and replacing larger, more visually-intrusive facilities with smaller, less visually-intrusive  
688 facilities.

689 **19.04.080 Additional Design and Development Standards for Facilities Outside the**  
690 **Public Right-of-Way**

691 A. **Basic Requirements.** Facilities located outside the public right-of-way are subject to  
692 the design and development standards set forth in this section in addition to all design and  
693 development standards that apply to all facilities.

694 B. **No parking interference.** In no event shall the installation of facilities replace or  
695 interfere with parking spaces in such a way as to reduce the total number of parking spaces  
696 below the number that is required.

697 C. **Roof-mounted facilities.** Roof-mounted facilities shall be designed and constructed  
698 to be fully concealed or screened in a manner compatible with the existing architecture of  
699 the building the facility is mounted to in color, texture, and type of material. Screening shall  
700 not increase the bulk of the structure nor alter the character of the structure. Roof-mounted  
701 antennas and associated equipment shall be located as far back from the edge of the roof  
702 as possible to minimize visibility from street level locations. Where appropriate, construction  
703 of a roof-top parapet wall to hide the facility may be required. To avoid or mitigate the  
704 appearance of visual clutter on rooftops, proposed facilities should, to the extent feasible, be  
705 located adjacent to existing rooftop antennas or equipment, incorporated into rooftop  
706 antenna or equipment enclosures, or otherwise screened from view. In addition, existing  
707 rooftop antennas and equipment should be consolidated where practical and shall be  
708 removed if abandoned.

709 D. Wall-mounted antennas shall be integrated architecturally with the style and  
710 character of the structure or otherwise made as unobtrusive as possible. If possible,  
711 antennas should be located entirely within an existing or newly-created architectural feature  
712 so as to be completely screened from view. To the extent feasible, wall-mounted antennas  
713 should not be located on the front, or most prominent facade of a structure, and should be  
714 located above the pedestrian line-of-sight.

715 E. **Facilities mounted to a telecommunications tower.**

716 1. Facilities mounted to a telecommunications tower shall be located in close  
717 proximity to existing above-ground utilities, such as electrical towers or utility  
718 poles (which are not scheduled for removal or under grounding for at least 18  
719 months after the date of application), light poles, trees of comparable heights, and  
720 in areas where they will not detract from the appearance of the Town.



721 2. Facilities mounted to a telecommunications tower, including, but not limited to, the  
722 attached antennas, shall be designed to be the minimum functional height and  
723 width required to adequately support the proposed facility and meet FCC  
724 requirements. The applicant shall provide documentation satisfactory to the  
725 zoning administrator establishing compliance with this paragraph. In any event,  
726 facilities mounted to a telecommunications tower shall not exceed the applicable  
727 height limit for structures in the applicable zoning district.

728 3. Aside from the antenna itself, no additional equipment may be visible. All cables,  
729 including, but not limited to, electrical and utility cables, shall be laid within the  
730 interior of the telecommunications tower and camouflaged or hidden to the fullest  
731 extent feasible without jeopardizing the physical integrity of the tower.

732 4. Pole installations shall be situated so as to utilize existing natural or man-made  
733 features including topography, vegetation, buildings, or other structures to provide  
734 the greatest amount of visual screening.

735 5. All antenna components and accessory wireless equipment shall be treated with  
736 exterior coatings of a color and texture to match the predominant visual  
737 background or existing architectural elements so as to visually blend in with the  
738 surrounding development. Subdued colors and non-reflective materials that blend  
739 with surrounding materials and colors shall be used.

740 6. Poles shall be no greater in diameter or other cross-sectional dimensions than is  
741 necessary for the proper functioning of the facility.

742 7. If a faux tree is proposed for the pole installation, it shall be of a type of tree  
743 compatible with those existing in the immediate areas of the installation. If no  
744 trees exist within the immediate areas, the applicant shall create a landscape  
745 setting that integrates the faux tree with added species of a similar height and  
746 type. Additional camouflage of the faux tree may be required depending on the  
747 type and design of faux tree proposed.

748 F. **Accessory equipment.** All accessory equipment associated with the operation of  
749 any wireless telecommunications facility shall be fully screened or camouflaged and located  
750 so as to minimize their visibility to the greatest extent possible, utilizing the following  
751 methods for the type of installation:

752 1. Accessory equipment for roof-mounted facilities shall be installed inside the  
753 building to which it is mounted or underground, if feasible. If not feasible, such  
754 accessory equipment may be located on the roof of the building that the facility is  
755 mounted on, provided that both the equipment and screening materials are  
756 painted the color of the building, roof, or surroundings. All screening materials for  
757 roof-mounted facilities shall be of a quality and design that is architecturally  
758 integrated with the design of the building or structure.

759 2. Accessory equipment for facilities mounted to a telecommunications tower shall  
760 be visually screened by locating the equipment either within a nearby building, in

761 an underground vault (with the exception of required electrical panels), or in  
762 another type of enclosed structure, which shall comply with the development and  
763 design standards of the zoning district in which the accessory equipment is  
764 located. Such enclosed structure shall be architecturally treated and adequately  
765 screened from view by landscape plantings, decorative walls, fencing or other  
766 appropriate means, selected so that the resulting screening will be visually  
767 integrated with the architecture and landscaping of the surroundings.

768 3. Whenever possible, base stations, equipment cabinets, back-up generators and  
769 other equipment associated with building-mounted antennas should be installed  
770 within the existing building envelope or underground. If this is not feasible, the  
771 equipment shall be painted, screened, fenced, landscaped or otherwise treated  
772 architecturally to minimize its appearance from off-site locations and to visually  
773 blend with the surrounding natural and built environments. Equipment buildings  
774 should be designed in an architectural style and constructed of exterior building  
775 materials that are consistent with surrounding development and/or land use  
776 setting.

777 **19.04.090 Additional Design and Development Standards for Facilities in the Public**  
778 **Right-of-Way**

779 A. **Basic Requirements.** Facilities located in the public right-of-way are subject to the  
780 design and development standards set forth in this section in addition to all design and  
781 development standards that apply to all facilities.

782 B. **Right-of-way authority.** An encroachment permit must be obtained for any work in  
783 the public right of way. Only applicants authorized to enter the public right-of-way pursuant  
784 to state or federal law or a franchise or other agreement with the Town shall be eligible for a  
785 permit to install or modify a wireless telecommunications facility in the public right-of-way.

786 C. **Antennas.**

787 1. *Utility poles.* The maximum height of any antenna mounted to an existing utility  
788 pole shall not exceed two (2) feet above the height of the existing utility pole, nor  
789 shall any portion of the antenna or equipment mounted on a pole be less than  
790 eighteen (18) feet above any drivable road surface. Notwithstanding the  
791 foregoing, all installations on utility poles shall fully comply with the California  
792 Public Utilities Commission general orders, including, but not limited to, General  
793 Order 95, as revised.

794 2. *Street light poles.* The maximum height of any antenna mounted to a street light  
795 pole shall not exceed seven (7) feet above the existing height of the street light  
796 pole in a location with its closest adjacent district being a commercial zoning  
797 district, and shall not exceed three (3) feet above the existing height of the street  
798 light pole in any other zoning district. Any portion of the antenna or equipment  
799 mounted on a street light pole shall be no less than eighteen (18) feet above any  
800 drivable road surface.

801 D. Poles.

- 802 1. Only pole-mounted antennas shall be permitted in the public right-of-way. All  
803 other types of telecommunications towers are prohibited, and no new poles are  
804 permitted that are not replacing an existing pole unless an exception is granted  
805 pursuant to Section 19.04.130 .
- 806 2. Pole height and width limitations:
- 807 a) All replacement poles shall be designed to be the minimum functional  
808 height and width required to support the proposed antenna installation and  
809 meet FCC and CPUC requirements. Replacement poles and antennas and  
810 similar structures shall be no greater in diameter or other cross-sectional  
811 dimensions than is necessary for the proper functioning of the facility.  
812 Replacement poles must match existing poles, as determined by the  
813 zoning administrator.
- 814 b) Notwithstanding (a) above, no facility shall be located on a pole that is less  
815 than twenty (20) feet in height, and no facility shall exceed thirty-five (35)  
816 feet in height as measured from the ground, including, but not limited to,  
817 the pole or replacement pole and any antenna that protrudes above the  
818 pole or replacement pole.
- 819 3. Pole-mounted equipment shall not exceed six (6) cubic feet in dimension per pole.
- 820 4. If an applicant proposes to replace a pole in order to accommodate the facility, the  
821 pole shall match the appearance of the original pole to the extent feasible, unless  
822 another design better accomplishes the objectives of this chapter. Such  
823 replacement pole shall not exceed the height of the pole it is replacing by more  
824 than seven (7) feet, and no facility shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height as  
825 measured from where the base of the pole meets the ground.
- 826 5. Mounting any and all hardware or antennas on decorative light poles is prohibited  
827 except as a replacement pole that matches the existing decorative light poles in  
828 the vicinity.
- 829 6. If an exception is granted for placement of new poles in the public right-of-way,  
830 new poles shall be designed to resemble existing poles in the public right-of-way,  
831 including size, height, color, materials and style, with the exception of any existing  
832 pole designs that are scheduled to be removed and not replaced, unless another  
833 design better accomplishes the objectives of this section. Such new poles that  
834 are not replacement poles shall be located no closer than ninety (90) feet to an  
835 existing pole.
- 836 7. All new wires needed to service the wireless telecommunications facility must be  
837 installed within the width of the existing utility pole so as to not exceed the  
838 diameter and height of the existing utility pole. For streetlights, any replacement  
839 pole must allow for an integrated design with wires inside the pole.

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842 E. **Space occupied.** Facilities shall be designed to occupy the least amount of space in  
843 the public right-of-way that is technically feasible.

844 F. **Location.**

845 1. Each component part of a facility shall be located so as not to cause any physical  
846 or visual obstruction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic, inconvenience to the  
847 public's use of the right-of-way, or safety hazards to pedestrians and motorists.

848 2. A facility shall not be located within any portion of the public right-of-way that  
849 would interfere with access to fire hydrants, fire stations, fire escapes, water  
850 valves, underground vaults, valve housing structures, or any other vital public  
851 health and safety facility.

852 3. Each pole mounted wireless telecommunications facility must be separated by at  
853 least one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet.

854 4. All cables, including, but not limited to, electrical and utility cables, between the  
855 pole and any accessory equipment shall be placed underground, if feasible.

856 5. For all applications in undergrounding districts, all undergrounding district  
857 regulations apply.

858 G. **Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance.** All facilities shall be built in  
859 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

860 H. **Accessory equipment.** The wireless facility shall be powered using unmetered  
861 service, whenever available. If not available, the electric meter shall be pole-mounted to the  
862 extent feasible, and all accessory equipment shall be located underground within three (3)  
863 feet of the pole and ground flush mounted to the extent feasible. When above-ground is the  
864 only feasible location for a particular type of accessory equipment and when such accessory  
865 equipment cannot be pole-mounted, such accessory equipment shall be enclosed within a  
866 structure, and shall not exceed a height of five (5) feet and a total footprint of fifteen (15)  
867 square feet, and shall be screened and camouflaged to the fullest extent possible, including  
868 the use of landscaping or alternate screening. Required electrical meter cabinets shall be  
869 adequately screened and camouflaged.

870 I. **Documentation.** The applicant shall provide documentation satisfactory to the  
871 zoning administrator establishing compliance with this section.

872 **19.04.100 Conditions of Approval for All Facilities**

873 A. In addition to compliance with the requirements of this chapter, upon approval all  
874 facilities shall be subject to each of the following conditions of approval, as well as any

875 modification of these conditions or additional conditions of approval deemed necessary by  
876 the reviewing authority throughout the duration of the permit:

877 1. Before the permittee submits any application for a permit or other permits required  
878 by the Fairfax Municipal Code, the permittee must incorporate the wireless  
879 Telecommunication Facility permit granted under this chapter, all conditions  
880 associated with the wireless telecommunications facility permit and engineering  
881 and electrical plans, schematics and specifications and the approved plans and  
882 any photo simulations into the project plans (the "Approved Plans"). The permittee  
883 must construct, install and operate the wireless telecommunications facility in  
884 strict compliance with the Approved Plans. The permittee shall submit an as built  
885 drawing within ninety (90) days after installation of the facility.

886 2. Where feasible, as new technology becomes available, the permittee shall:

887 a) place above-ground wireless telecommunications facilities below ground,  
888 including, but not limited to, accessory equipment that has been mounted  
889 to a telecommunications tower or mounted on the ground; and

890 b) replace larger, more visually-intrusive facilities with smaller, less visually-  
891 intrusive facilities, after receiving all necessary permits and approvals  
892 required pursuant to the Fairfax Municipal Code.

893 3. The permittee shall submit and maintain current at all times basic contact and site  
894 information, in a form as may be required by the Town. The permittee shall notify  
895 the Town of any changes to the information submitted within seven (7) days of  
896 any change, including change of the name or legal status of the owner or  
897 operator. This information shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

898 a) Identity, including the name, address and 24-hour local or toll free contact  
899 phone number of the permittee, the owner, the operator, and the agent or  
900 person responsible for the maintenance of the facility;

901 b) The legal status of the owner of the wireless telecommunications facility,  
902 including official identification numbers and FCC certification; and

903 c) The name, address, and telephone number of the property owner if  
904 different than the permittee.

905 4. The permittee shall not place any facilities that will deny access to, or otherwise  
906 interfere with, any public utility, easement, or right-of-way located on the site. The  
907 permittee shall allow the Town reasonable access to, and maintenance of, all  
908 utilities and existing public improvements within or adjacent to the site, including,  
909 but not limited to, pavement, trees, public utilities, lighting, and public signage.

910 5. At all times, all required notices and signs shall be posted on the site as required  
911 by the FCC and California Public Utilities Commission, and as approved by the

912 Town. The location and dimensions of a sign bearing the emergency contact  
913 name and telephone number shall be posted pursuant to the approved plans.

914 6. At all times, the permittee shall ensure that the facility complies with the most  
915 current regulatory and operational standards including, but not limited to, radio  
916 frequency emissions standards adopted by the FCC, antenna height standards  
917 adopted by the Federal Aviation Administration, and all electrical code  
918 requirements for the equipment, wiring the equipment and providing power to the  
919 equipment. At the sole expense of the permittee and using a consultant approved  
920 by the Town, testing shall be performed demonstrating compliance with current  
921 regulatory and operational standards, and to ensure the equipment is operating  
922 within proper specifications and does not pose an undue fire risk or electrical risk.  
923 Tests shall occur upon commencement of operations and annually thereafter, and  
924 results provided in a written report to the Town.

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926 7. If, upon inspection, the Town Building Official determines there is good cause to  
927 believe that the facility (including, without limitation, its Accessory Equipment,  
928 Antenna and/or Base Station) may present a fire risk or electrical hazard, the  
929 Building Official may order the facility to be shut down and powered off until such  
930 time as the facility is repaired and restored to its correct operating specifications,  
931 at the sole expense of the permittee.

932 8. Permittee shall pay for and provide a performance bond, which shall be in effect  
933 until the facilities are fully and completely removed and the site reasonably  
934 returned to its original condition, to cover permittee's obligations under these  
935 conditions of approval and the Fairfax Municipal Code. The bond coverage shall  
936 include, but not be limited to, removal of the facility, maintenance obligations and  
937 landscaping obligations. The amount of the performance bond shall be set by the  
938 zoning administrator in an amount rationally related to the obligations covered by  
939 the bond and shall be specified in the conditions of approval.

940 9. Permittee shall defend, indemnify, protect, and hold harmless the Town, its  
941 elected and appointed council members, boards, commissions, officers, officials,  
942 agents, consultants, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all  
943 claims, actions, or proceeding against the Town and its elected and appointed  
944 council members, boards, commissions, officers, officials, agents, consultants,  
945 employees, and volunteers to attack, set aside, void or annul, an approval of the  
946 Town, Planning Commission or Town Council concerning the permit, the project,  
947 and any and all claims, actions, or proceedings arising from, or related to, the  
948 installation, operation, or inspection of any facility. Such indemnification shall  
949 include damages, judgments, settlements, penalties, fines, defensive costs or  
950 expenses, including, but not limited to, interest, attorneys' fees, and expert  
951 witness fees, or liability of any kind related to or arising from such claim, action, or  
952 proceeding. The Town shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or  
953 proceeding that this indemnification obligation may cover. Nothing contained

954 herein shall prohibit Town from participating in a defense of any claim, action or  
955 proceeding. The Town shall have the option of coordinating the defense,  
956 including, but not limited to, choosing counsel for the defense at permittee's  
957 expense. The Town shall retain the right to participate in any claim, action or  
958 proceeding if the Town bears its own attorney's fees and costs, and the Town  
959 defends the action in good faith.

960 10. Permittee shall obtain and maintain insurance for the coverages and in the  
961 amounts reasonably specified by the zoning administrator.

962 11. All conditions of approval shall be binding as to the applicant and all successors in  
963 interest to permittee.

964 12. The proposed facility complies with all applicable provisions of this chapter,  
965 including the technical review by the Town's Independent Expert set forth in  
966 Section 19.04.050(B).

967 13. The proposed facility has been designed and located to achieve compatibility with  
968 the community to the maximum extent reasonably feasible.

969 14. Noise generated by equipment will not be excessive, annoying nor be detrimental  
970 to the public health, safety, and welfare and will not exceed the standards set forth  
971 in this chapter.

972 15. A condition setting forth the permit expiration date in accordance with section  
973 19.04.200 shall be included in the conditions of approval.

974 16. *Record Retention.* The permittee must maintain complete and accurate copies of  
975 all permits and other regulatory approvals issued in connection with the wireless  
976 facility, including, without limitation, any approval, the approved plans and photo  
977 simulations incorporated into the approval, all conditions associated with the  
978 approval, and any other ministerial permits or approvals issued in connection with  
979 the approval. In the event that the permittee does not maintain such records as  
980 required in this condition, any ambiguities or uncertainties that would be resolved  
981 through an inspection of the missing records will be construed against the  
982 permittee.

983 17. *Compliance Obligations.* An applicant or permittee will not be relieved of its  
984 obligation to comply with every applicable provision in the Fairfax Municipal Code,  
985 any permit, any permit condition, or any applicable law or regulation by reason of  
986 any failure by the Town to timely notice, prompt or enforce compliance by the  
987 applicant or permittee.

988 **19.04.110 Additional Conditions of Approval for Facilities in the Public Right-of-**  
989 **Way**

990 A. In addition to compliance with the requirements of this chapter, upon approval all  
991 facilities in the public right-of-way shall be subject to each of the conditions of approval set

992 forth in section 19.04.100, each of the following conditions of approval, and any modification  
993 of these conditions or additional conditions of approval deemed necessary by the reviewing  
994 authority throughout the duration of the permit:

- 995 1. The wireless telecommunications facility shall be subject to such conditions,  
996 changes or limitations as are from time to time deemed necessary by the Town  
997 Manager or his/her designee for the purpose of: (a) protecting the public health,  
998 safety, and welfare, (b) preventing interference with pedestrian and vehicular  
999 traffic, and (c) preventing damage to the public right-of-way or any property  
1000 adjacent to it. The Town may modify the permit to reflect such conditions,  
1001 changes or limitations by following the same notice and public hearing procedures  
1002 as are applicable to the grant of a wireless telecommunications facility permit for  
1003 similarly located facilities, except the permittee shall be given notice by personal  
1004 service or by registered or certified mail at the last address provided to the Town  
1005 by the permittee.
- 1006 2. The permittee shall not move, alter, temporarily relocate, change, or interfere with  
1007 any existing structure, improvement, or property without the prior consent of the  
1008 owner of that structure, improvement, or property. No structure, improvement or  
1009 property owned by the Town shall be moved to accommodate a wireless  
1010 telecommunications facility, unless the Town determines that such movement will  
1011 not adversely affect the Town or any surrounding businesses or residents, and the  
1012 permittee pays all costs and expenses related to the relocation of the Town's  
1013 structure, improvement, or property. Prior to commencement of any work  
1014 pursuant to an encroachment permit issued for any facility within the public right-  
1015 of-way, the permittee shall provide the Town with documentation establishing to  
1016 the Town's satisfaction that the permittee has the legal right to use or interfere  
1017 with any other structure, improvement, or property within the public right-of-way to  
1018 be affected by applicant's facilities.
- 1019 3. The permittee shall assume full liability for damage or injury caused to any  
1020 property or person by the facility.
- 1021 4. The permittee shall repair, at its sole cost and expense, any damage including,  
1022 but not limited to, subsidence, cracking, erosion, collapse, weakening, or loss of  
1023 lateral support to Town streets, sidewalks, walks, curbs, gutters, trees, parkways,  
1024 street lights, traffic signals, improvements of any kind or nature, utility lines and  
1025 systems, underground utility lines and systems, or sewer systems and sewer lines  
1026 that result from any activities performed in connection with the installation or  
1027 maintenance of a wireless telecommunications facility in the public right-of-way.  
1028 The permittee shall restore such areas, structures and systems to the condition in  
1029 which they existed prior to the installation or maintenance that necessitated the  
1030 repairs. In the event the permittee fails to complete such repair within the number  
1031 of days stated on a written notice by the zoning administrator, the zoning  
1032 administrator shall cause such repair to be completed at permittee's sole cost and  
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5. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall obtain the zoning administrator's approval of a tree protection plan prepared by a certified arborist if the installation of the wireless Telecommunication Facility will be located within the canopy of a street tree, or a protected tree on private property, or within a ten (10)-foot radius of the base of such a tree. Depending on site specific criteria (e.g., location of tree, size, and type of tree, etc.), a radius greater than ten (10) feet may be required by the zoning administrator.
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6. If a meter cabinet has been approved for the facility and subsequently any utility company offers electrical service that does not require the use of a meter cabinet, the permittee shall seek approval of the utility company to switch to the unmetered service and, at its sole cost and expense, remove the meter cabinet and any related foundation within thirty (30) days of such service being obtained and reasonably restore the area to its prior condition.
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7. The permittee shall modify, remove, or relocate its facility, or portion thereof, without cost or expense to Town, if and when made necessary by:
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- a) Any public improvement project, including, but not limited to, the construction, maintenance, or operation of any underground or aboveground facilities, including, but not limited to, sewers, storm drains, conduits, gas, water, electric or other utility systems, or pipes owned by Town or any other public agency;
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- b) Any abandonment of any street, sidewalk, or other public facility;
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- c) Any change of grade, alignment or width of any street, sidewalk, or other public facility; or
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- d) A determination by the zoning administrator that the wireless telecommunications facility has become incompatible with public health, safety, or welfare or the public's use of the public right-of-way.
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8. Any modification, removal, or relocation of the facility shall be completed within ninety (90) days of written notification by Town, unless exigencies dictate a shorter period for removal or relocation. Modification or relocation of the facility shall require submittal, review, and approval of a permit amendment pursuant to the Fairfax Municipal Code. The permittee shall be entitled, on permittee's election, to either a pro-rata refund of fees paid for the original permit or to a new permit, without additional fee, at a location as close to the original location as the standards set forth in the Fairfax Municipal Code allow. In the event the facility is not modified, removed, or relocated within said period of time, the Town may cause the same to be done at the sole cost and expense of permittee. Further, due to exigent circumstances as provided in the Fairfax Municipal Code, the Town may modify, remove, or relocate wireless telecommunications facilities without prior notice to permittee, provided permittee is notified within a reasonable period thereafter.

1073 9. The applicant has the right to enter the public right-of-way pursuant to state or  
1074 federal law, or by virtue of a franchise or other agreement with the Town  
1075 permitting them to use the public right-of-way.

1076 10. The facility will not interfere with the use of the public right-of-way, existing  
1077 subterranean infrastructure, or the Town's plans for modification or use of such  
1078 location and infrastructure.

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1080 **19.04.120 Findings**

1081 A. Where a wireless telecommunication facility requires a conditional use permit under  
1082 this chapter, the reviewing authority shall not approve any application unless, in addition to  
1083 the findings generally applicable to all conditional use permits, all of the following additional  
1084 findings are made:

1085 1. The proposed facility complies with all applicable provisions of this chapter.

1086 2. The proposed facility has been designed and located to achieve compatibility with  
1087 the community to the maximum extent reasonably feasible.

1088 3. The applicant has submitted a statement of its willingness to allow other carriers  
1089 to collocate on the proposed wireless telecommunications facility wherever  
1090 technically and economically feasible and where collocation would not harm  
1091 community compatibility.

1092 4. Noise generated by equipment will not be excessive, annoying nor be detrimental  
1093 to the public health, safety, and welfare and will not exceed the standards set forth  
1094 in this chapter.

1095 B. In addition to the findings in paragraph (A) above, approval of a wireless  
1096 telecommunications facility permit for a facility that will be located in the public right-of-way  
1097 may be granted only if the following findings are made by the reviewing authority:

1098 1. The applicant has provided substantial written evidence supporting the applicant's  
1099 claim that it has the right to enter the public right-of-way pursuant to state or  
1100 federal law, or the applicant has entered into a franchise or other agreement with  
1101 the Town permitting them to use the public right-of-way.

1102 2. The applicant has demonstrated that the facility will not interfere with the use of  
1103 the public right-of-way, existing subterranean infrastructure, or the Town 's plans  
1104 for modification or use of such location and infrastructure.

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1106 **19.04.130 Exceptions**

1107 A. Exceptions pertaining to any provision of this chapter, including, but not limited to,  
1108 exceptions from findings that would otherwise justify denial, may be granted by the  
1109 reviewing authority if the reviewing authority makes the finding that a refusal to grant the  
1110 exception would violate federal law, state law, or both. Such exceptions may be granted if  
1111 the reviewing authority finds, without limitation, that:

1112 1. A provision of this chapter, as applied to applicant, would deprive applicant of its  
1113 rights under federal law, state law, or both; and

1114 2. The proposed wireless facility qualifies as a "personal wireless service facility" as  
1115 defined in 19.04.020(N), as may be amended or superseded; and

1116 3. The applicant has provided the reviewing authority with a reasonable and clearly  
1117 defined technical service objective to be achieved by the proposed wireless facility;  
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1119 4. The applicant has provided the reviewing authority with a written statement that  
1120 contains a detailed and fact-specific explanation as to why the proposed wireless  
1121 facility cannot be deployed in compliance with the applicable provisions in this  
1122 Chapter, the Fairfax Municipal Code, the General Plan and/or any specific plan;  
1123 and

1124 5. The applicant has provided the reviewing authority with a meaningful comparative  
1125 analysis with the factual reasons why all alternative locations and/or designs  
1126 identified in the administrative record (whether suggested by the applicant, the Town,  
1127 public comments or any other source) are not technically feasible or potentially  
1128 available to reasonably achieve the applicant's reasonable and clearly defined  
1129 technical service objective to be achieved by the proposed wireless facility; and

1130 6. The applicant has demonstrated to the reviewing authority that the proposed  
1131 location and design is the least non-compliant configuration that will reasonably  
1132 achieve the applicant's reasonable and clearly defined technical service objective to  
1133 be achieved by the proposed wireless facility, which includes without limitation a  
1134 meaningful comparative analysis into multiple smaller or less intrusive wireless  
1135 facilities dispersed throughout the intended service area; and

1136 7. The applicant has demonstrated that its proposed wireless facility will be in  
1137 compliance with all applicable health, safety, and environmental regulations, which  
1138 include without limitation the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Endangered Species  
1139 Act, and all FCC rules and regulations for human exposure to RF emissions.

1140 B. An applicant may only request an exception at the time of applying for a wireless  
1141 telecommunications facility permit. The request must include both the specific provision(s)  
1142 of this chapter from which the exception is sought and the basis of the request. Any request  
1143 for an exception after the Town has deemed an application complete shall be treated as a  
1144 new application.

1145 C. The applicant shall have the burden of proving that the exception should be granted.

1146 **19.04.140 Eligible Facilities Requests**

1147 A. **Applicability.** This Section applies to all Eligible Facilities Requests pursuant to  
1148 Section 6409(a).

1149 B. **Approval Required.** Applicants for Eligible Facilities Requests must submit a written  
1150 request for a 6409(a) approval consistent with this section, which will be reviewed by the  
1151 zoning administrator who will determine whether the request should be approved,  
1152 conditionally approved, or denied without prejudice pursuant to the standards and  
1153 procedures contained in this section.

1154 C. **Other Regulatory Approvals.** Any Eligible Facilities Request approved under this  
1155 chapter shall be subject to any and all lawful conditions or requirements associated with  
1156 such other permits or regulatory approvals from the Town and state or federal agencies.

1157 D. **Eligible Facilities Request Application Requirement.** An application must include  
1158 the following information:

1159 1. Full name and contact information for the facility owner, facility operator, agent (if  
1160 any), and property owner, and related letter(s) of authorization. If the applicant  
1161 does not own the subject property, the application must include a written  
1162 authorization signed by the property owner that empowers the applicant to file the  
1163 application and perform all wireless facility construction, installation, operation,  
1164 and maintenance to the extent described in the application.

1165 2. The type of facility, including a full, written description of the proposed facility, its  
1166 purpose, and technical specifications.

1167 3. A detailed site and engineering plan of the proposed facility containing the exact  
1168 proposed location of the facility, created by a qualified, licensed engineer and in  
1169 accordance with requirements set by the zoning administrator. The site and  
1170 engineering plan shall display the dimensions of each proposed facility, including,  
1171 but not limited to, its height from the ground level. The site and engineering plans  
1172 shall show the proposed facility from each cardinal direction.

1173 4. Photographs of facility equipment and an accurate visual impact analysis with  
1174 photo simulations.

1175 5. A written statement that explains why the applicant believes Section 6409(a) and  
1176 the related FCC regulations require approval. A complete written narrative  
1177 analysis will state the applicable standard and all the facts that allow the Town to  
1178 conclude the standard has been met. Bare conclusions not factually supported do  
1179 not constitute a complete written analysis. As part of this written statement the  
1180 applicant must also include (a) whether and why the support structure qualifies as  
1181 an existing tower or existing base station; and (b) whether and why the proposed  
1182 Eligible Facilities Request does not cause a substantial change in height, width,

1183 excavation, equipment cabinets, concealment, or permit compliance. The analysis  
1184 provided under (b) shall include a copy of all prior conditions of approval and an  
1185 explanation as to why the prior conditions of approval are met by the proposed  
1186 wireless facility application.

1187 6. A technically-sufficient written report by a qualified radio frequency emissions  
1188 engineer, certifying that the facility is in compliance with such FCC standards.

1189 7. Public Notification. Proof that the applicant has provided public notification, at its  
1190 own cost, via mail to all property owners and occupants within a radius of 300 feet  
1191 from its proposed facilities. Information regarding the application shall be  
1192 displayed on the outside of the envelope.

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1194 **E. Administrative Review; Decision Notices.** The zoning administrator shall  
1195 administratively review an application for an Eligible Facilities Request and act on such  
1196 an application without prior notice or a public hearing. Within five (5) working days after  
1197 the zoning administrator approves, conditionally approves, or denies an Eligible Facilities  
1198 Request application, the zoning administrator shall send a written notice to the applicant.  
1199 In the event that the zoning administrator determines that an application submitted for  
1200 approval pursuant to Section 6409(a) does not qualify for approval, the zoning  
1201 administrator will send written notice to the applicant that includes the reasons to support  
1202 the review authority's decision and states that the application will be denied without  
1203 prejudice.

1204 **F. Required Findings for 6409(a) Approval.** The zoning administrator may approve or  
1205 conditionally approve an application submitted for Section 6409(a) approval when the  
1206 zoning administrator finds that the proposed project:

1207 1. Qualifies as an Eligible Facilities Request; and

1208 2. Complies with (or is conditioned to comply with) all generally applicable health  
1209 and safety rules.

1210 **G. Criteria for Denial Without Prejudice.** The zoning administrator may deny without  
1211 prejudice an application submitted for approval pursuant to Section 6409(a) when it finds  
1212 that the proposed project does not meet the criteria under subsection (D) above.

1213 **H. Conditional 6409(a) Approvals.** Subject to any applicable limitations in federal or  
1214 state law, nothing in this chapter is intended to limit the Town's authority to conditionally  
1215 approve an application for a section 6409(a) approval to protect and promote the public  
1216 health, safety, and welfare.

1217 **I. Standard Conditions of Approval.** In addition to all other conditions adopted by the  
1218 zoning administrator, all Section 6409(a) approvals, whether approved by the zoning  
1219 administrator or deemed approved by the operation of law, shall be automatically subject to  
1220 the following conditions in this section; provided, however, that the zoning administrator

1221 shall have discretion to modify or amend these conditions on a case-by-case basis as may  
1222 be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances:

1223 1. *Approved Plans.* Before the permittee submits any application for a building  
1224 permit or other permits required by the Fairfax Municipal Code, the permittee must  
1225 incorporate the wireless telecommunications facility permit granted under this  
1226 section, all conditions associated with the wireless telecommunications facility  
1227 permit and the approved plans and any photo simulations into the project plans  
1228 (the "Approved Plans") . The permittee must construct, install and operate the  
1229 wireless telecommunications facility in strict compliance with the Approved Plans.  
1230 The permittee shall submit an as built drawing within ninety (90) days after  
1231 installation of the facility.

1232 2. *Permit Term.* The Town's grant or grant by operation of law of a Section 6409(a)  
1233 approval will not extend the permit term, if any, for any conditional use permit, or  
1234 other underlying prior regulatory authorization. Accordingly, the term for a Section  
1235 6409(a) approval shall be coterminous with the underlying permit or other prior  
1236 regulatory authorization for the subject tower or base station.

1237 3. *Accelerated Permit Terms Due to Invalidation.* In the event that any court of  
1238 competent jurisdiction invalidates any portion of Section 6409(a) or any FCC rule  
1239 that interprets Section 6409(a) such that federal law would not mandate approval  
1240 for any Section 6409(a) approval, such 6409(a) approvals shall automatically  
1241 expire one year from the effective date of the judicial order, unless the decision  
1242 would not authorize accelerated termination of previously-approved Section  
1243 6409(a) approvals or the zoning administrator grants an extension upon written  
1244 request from the permittee that shows good cause for the extension, which  
1245 includes, without limitation, extreme financial hardship. Notwithstanding anything  
1246 in the previous sentence to the contrary, the zoning administrator may not grant a  
1247 permanent exemption or indefinite extension. A permittee shall not be required to  
1248 remove its improvements approved under the invalidated Section 6409(a)  
1249 approval when it has submitted an application for a conditional use permit for  
1250 those improvements before the one-year period ends.

1251 4. *No Waiver of Standing.* The Town's grant or grant by operation of law of a Section  
1252 6409(a) approval does not waive, and shall not be construed to waive, any  
1253 standing by or right of the Town to challenge Section 6409(a), any FCC rules that  
1254 interpret Section 6409(a), or any Section 6409(a) approval.

1255 5. *Build-out Period.* The Section 6409(a) approval will automatically expire one (1)  
1256 year from the issuance date, unless the permittee obtains all other permits and  
1257 approvals required to install, construct and operate the approved wireless facility,  
1258 which includes, without limitation, any permits or approvals required by the any  
1259 federal, state, or local public agencies with jurisdiction over the subject property,  
1260 the wireless facility, or its use. The zoning administrator may grant one (1) written  
1261 extension to a date certain when the permittee shows good cause to extend the  
1262 limitations period in a written request for an extension submitted at least 30 days

1263 prior to the automatic expiration date in this subparagraph. Any further extensions  
1264 may be granted by the Planning Commission, in its sole discretion, pursuant to  
1265 the same procedures to request an extension from the zoning administrator.

1266 6. *Maintenance Obligations; Vandalism.* The permittee shall keep the site, which  
1267 includes, without limitation, any and all improvements, equipment, structures,  
1268 access routes, fences and landscape features, in a neat, clean, and safe condition  
1269 in accordance with the Approved Plans and all conditions in the Section 6409(a)  
1270 approval. The permittee shall keep the site area free from all litter and debris at all  
1271 times. The permittee, at its sole cost, shall remove and remediate any graffiti or  
1272 other vandalism at the site within two (2) days after the permittee receives notice  
1273 or otherwise becomes aware that such graffiti or other vandalism occurred.

1274 7. *Compliance with Laws.* The permittee shall maintain compliance at all times with  
1275 all federal, state, and local laws applicable to the permittee, the subject property,  
1276 the wireless facility, or any use or activities in connection with the use authorized  
1277 in this section 6409(a) approval, including, but not limited to, compliance with the  
1278 Americans with Disability Act. The permittee expressly acknowledges and agrees  
1279 that this obligation is intended to be broadly construed and that no other specific  
1280 requirements in these conditions are intended to reduce, relieve, or otherwise  
1281 lessen the permittee's obligations to maintain compliance with all applicable laws.

1282 8. *Adverse Impacts on Other Properties.* The permittee shall use all reasonable  
1283 efforts to avoid any and all undue or unnecessary adverse impacts on nearby  
1284 properties that may arise from the permittee's construction, installation, operation,  
1285 modification, maintenance, repair, removal, or other activities at the site. The  
1286 permittee shall not perform or cause others to perform any construction,  
1287 installation, operation, modification, maintenance, repair, removal, or other work  
1288 that involves heavy equipment or machines on any day and at any time prohibited  
1289 under the Fairfax Municipal Code. The restricted work hours in this condition will  
1290 not prohibit any work required to prevent an actual, immediate harm to property or  
1291 persons, or any work during an emergency declared by the Town. The zoning  
1292 administrator may issue a stop work order for any work that violates this condition.

1293 9. *Noise Complaints.* The permittee shall conduct all activities on the site in  
1294 compliance with the noise standards in the Fairfax Municipal Code. In the event  
1295 that any person files a noise complaint and the Town verifies that such complaint  
1296 is valid, the permittee must remedy the violation within ten (10) days after notice  
1297 from the Town, which may include a demonstration that the permittee has  
1298 amended its operational guidelines in situations where the violation arises from  
1299 the permittee's personnel rather than the permittee's equipment.

1300 10. *Inspections; Emergencies.* The permittee expressly acknowledges and agrees  
1301 that the Town or its designee may enter onto the site and inspect the  
1302 improvements and equipment upon reasonable prior notice to the permittee;  
1303 provided, however, that the Town or its designee may, but is not obligated to,  
1304 enter onto the site area without prior notice to support, repair, disable, or remove

1305 any improvements or equipment in emergencies or when such improvements or  
1306 equipment threatens actual, imminent harm to property or persons. The permittee  
1307 will be permitted to supervise the Town or its designee while such inspection or  
1308 emergency access occurs.

1309 11. *Contact Information.* The permittee shall furnish the Town with accurate and up-  
1310 to-date contact information for a person responsible for the wireless facility, which  
1311 includes, without limitation, such person's full name, title, direct telephone  
1312 number, facsimile number, mailing address, and email address. The permittee  
1313 shall keep such contact information up-to-date at all times.

1314 12. *Performance Bond.* Before the Town issues any construction permit in connection  
1315 with the wireless facility, if, in the Town's sole discretion, the existing performance  
1316 bond for the facility is inadequate or the facility is not associated with any existing  
1317 performance bond, the permittee shall post a performance bond from a surety and  
1318 in a form acceptable to the Town manager in an amount equal to or greater than a  
1319 written estimate from a qualified contractor with experience in wireless facilities  
1320 removal. The written estimate must include the cost to remove all equipment and  
1321 other improvements, which includes, without limitation, all antennas, radios,  
1322 batteries, generators, utilities, cabinets, mounts, brackets, hardware, cables,  
1323 wires, conduits, structures, shelters, towers, poles, footings and foundations,  
1324 whether above ground or below ground, constructed or installed in connection  
1325 with the wireless facility. In establishing or adjusting the bond amount required  
1326 under this condition, and in accordance with California Government Code §  
1327 65964(a), the Town manager shall take into consideration information provided by  
1328 the permittee regarding the cost to remove the wireless facility.

1329 13. Conditions of approval shall specify a maximum number of trips on a case-by-  
1330 case basis based upon the carrier's maintenance and testing schedule.

1331 **19.04.150 Wireless Telecommunications Collocation Facilities Covered under**  
1332 **California Government Code Section 65850.6**

1333 A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to comply with an application for a Wireless  
1334 Telecommunications Collocation Facility under California Government Code Section  
1335 65850.6, for which a 6409(a) approval is not being requested. This section provides the  
1336 requirements, standards, and regulations for a wireless telecommunications collocation  
1337 facility for which subsequent collocation is a permitted use pursuant to California law. Only  
1338 those facilities that fully comply with the eligibility requirements set forth in California  
1339 Government Code Section 65850.6, or its successor provision, and which strictly adhere to  
1340 the requirements and regulations set forth in this section, shall qualify as a wireless  
1341 telecommunications collocation facility.

1342 B. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms are defined as  
1343 follows:



1344 1. **“Collocation Facility”** means the placement or installation of wireless facilities,  
1345 including antennas, and related equipment, on, or immediately adjacent to, a  
1346 wireless telecommunications collocation facility.

1347 2. **“Wireless Telecommunications Facility”** means equipment and network  
1348 components such as towers, utility poles, transmitters, base stations, and  
1349 emergency power systems that are integral to providing wireless  
1350 telecommunications services.

1351 3. **“Wireless Telecommunications Collocation Facility”** means a wireless  
1352 telecommunications facility that includes collocation facilities.

1353 C. **Procedures.** Applications for wireless telecommunications collocation facilities shall  
1354 comply with this Section and other applicable provisions of this Chapter. An application for a  
1355 collocation facility under California Government Code Section 65850.6 shall be processed in  
1356 the same manner as an application for Section 6409(a) approval is processed, except that  
1357 where the process requires justification for the Section 6409(a) approval, the applicant shall  
1358 instead provide the justification for a collocation facility under California Government Code  
1359 Section 65850.6.

1360 D. **Requirements.** All requirements, regulations, and standards set forth in this chapter  
1361 for a wireless telecommunications facility shall apply to a wireless telecommunications  
1362 collocation facility; provided, however, the following shall also apply to a wireless  
1363 telecommunications collocation facility:

1364 1. The applicant for a wireless telecommunications collocation facility permit shall  
1365 describe or depict:

1366 a) The wireless telecommunications collocation facility as it will be initially  
1367 built; and

1368 b) All collocations at full build-out, including, but not limited to, all antennas,  
1369 antenna support structures, and accessory equipment.

1370 2. Any collocation shall use screening methods substantially similar to those used on  
1371 the existing wireless telecommunications facilities, unless other optional screening  
1372 methods are specified in the conditions of approval.

1373 3. A wireless telecommunications collocation facility permit shall not be approved,  
1374 unless an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or mitigated negative  
1375 declaration was prepared and approved for the wireless telecommunications  
1376 collocation facility.

1377 E. **Permitted Use.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a subsequent  
1378 collocation facility on a wireless telecommunications collocation facility shall be a permitted  
1379 use only if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

1380 1. The wireless telecommunications collocation facility:

- 1381 a) Was approved after January 1, 2007, by discretionary permit;
- 1382 b) Was approved subject to an environmental impact report, negative  
1383 declaration, or mitigated negative declaration; and
- 1384 c) Otherwise complies with the requirements of California Government Code  
1385 Section 65850.6(b), or its successor provision, for addition of a collocation  
1386 facility to a wireless telecommunications collocation facility, including, but  
1387 not limited to, compliance with all performance and maintenance  
1388 requirements, regulations, and standards in this chapter and the conditions  
1389 of approval in the wireless telecommunications collocation facility permit.
- 1390 2. The collocations were specifically considered when the relevant environmental  
1391 document was prepared for the wireless telecommunications collocation facility.
- 1392 3. Before collocation, the applicant seeking collocation shall obtain all other  
1393 applicable non-discretionary permits, as required pursuant to the Fairfax Municipal  
1394 Code.
- 1395 F. **New or Amended Permit.** Except as otherwise provided above, approval of a new  
1396 or amended permit shall be required when the facility is modified other than by collocation in  
1397 accordance with this section, or the proposed collocation:
- 1398 1. Increases the height of the existing permitted telecommunications tower or  
1399 otherwise changes the bulk, size, location, or any other physical attributes of the  
1400 existing permitted wireless telecommunications collocation facility, unless  
1401 specifically permitted under the conditions of approval applicable to such wireless  
1402 telecommunications collocation facility; or
- 1403 2. Adds any microwave dish or other antenna not expressly permitted to be included  
1404 in a collocation facility by the conditions of approval.
- 1405 **19.04.160 Business License**
- 1406 A permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall not be a substitute for any business license  
1407 otherwise required under the Fairfax Municipal Code.
- 1408 **19.04.170 Emergency Deployment**
- 1409 In the event of a declared federal, state, or local emergency, or when otherwise warranted  
1410 by conditions that the zoning administrator deems to constitute an emergency, the zoning  
1411 administrator may approve the installation and operation of a temporary wireless  
1412 telecommunications facility (e.g., a cell on wheels or "COW"), which is subject to such  
1413 reasonable conditions that the zoning administrator deems necessary.
- 1414 **19.04.180 Operation and Maintenance Standards**
- 1415 A. All wireless telecommunications facilities must comply at all times with the following

1416 operation and maintenance standards. All necessary repairs and restoration shall be  
1417 completed by the permittee, owner, or operator within 48 hours:

1418 1. After discovery of the need by the permittee, owner, operator or any designated  
1419 maintenance agent; or

1420 2. After permittee, owner, operator, or any designated maintenance agent receives  
1421 notification from a resident or the zoning administrator.

1422 B. All facilities, including, but not limited to, telecommunication towers, poles, accessory  
1423 equipment, lighting, fences, walls, shields, cabinets, artificial foliage or camouflage, and the  
1424 facility site shall be maintained in good condition, including ensuring the facilities are  
1425 reasonably free of:

1426 1. General dirt and grease;

1427 2. Chipped, faded, peeling, and cracked paint;

1428 3. Rust and corrosion;

1429 4. Cracks, dents, and discoloration;

1430 5. Missing, discolored, or damaged artificial foliage or other camouflage;

1431 6. Graffiti, bills, stickers, advertisements, litter and debris;

1432 7. Broken and misshapen structural parts; and

1433 8. Any damage from any cause.

1434 C. All trees, foliage, and other landscaping elements approved as part of the facility shall  
1435 be maintained in good condition at all times, and the permittee, owner, and operator of the  
1436 facility shall be responsible for replacing any damaged, dead, or decayed landscaping. No  
1437 amendment to any approved landscaping plan may be made until it is submitted to and  
1438 approved by the zoning administrator.

1439 D. The permittee shall replace its facilities, after obtaining all required permits, if  
1440 maintenance or repair is not sufficient to return the facility to the condition it was in at the  
1441 time of installation.

1442 E. Each facility, operating alone and in conjunction with other telecommunications facilities,  
1443 shall be operated and maintained at all times in compliance with applicable federal  
1444 regulations, including FCC radio frequency emissions standards. Within one month post-  
1445 construction and annually thereafter, permittee must provide a radio frequency report as  
1446 a condition of project approval to verify that actual levels of radio frequency emitted by  
1447 the approved facilities, operating alone and in combination with other approved facilities,  
1448 substantially conform to the pre-approved radio frequency report and do not exceed  
1449 current standards for permissible human exposure to radio frequency as adopted by the

1450 FCC. In the event of an increase over accepted levels is detected, the permittee shall be  
1451 responsible for immediately making the necessary adjustments to comply with FCC  
1452 standards.

1453 F. Each facility shall be operated and maintained to comply at all times with the noise  
1454 regulations of this chapter and shall be operated and maintained in a manner that will  
1455 minimize noise impacts to surrounding residents. Except for emergency repairs, any testing  
1456 and maintenance activities that will be audible beyond the property line shall only occur  
1457 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, excluding  
1458 holidays, unless alternative hours are approved by the zoning administrator. Backup  
1459 generators, if permitted, shall only be operated during periods of power outages or for  
1460 testing.

1461 G. If a flagpole is used for camouflaging a wireless telecommunications facility, flags  
1462 shall be flown and shall be properly maintained at all times.

1463 H. Each owner or operator of a facility shall routinely inspect each site to ensure  
1464 compliance with the standards set forth in this section and the conditions of approval.

1465 I. ~~Annual Certification.~~ Each year on July 1, the permittee shall submit an affidavit which  
1466 shall list, by location, all facilities it owns within the Town by location, and shall certify (1)  
1467 each such installation remains in use; (2) that such in use facility remains covered by  
1468 insurance; and (3) each such installation which is no longer in use, and pay applicable  
1469 recertification fees established by the Town. Any facility which is no longer in use shall  
1470 be removed by permittee within 60 days of delivery of the affidavit, or be subject to a fine  
1471 of \$100 per day until removal.

1472  
1473 Where such annual re-certification has not timely submitted, or equipment no longer in  
1474 use has not been removed within the required 60-day period, no further application for  
1475 that small cell wireless installation will be accepted by the Town until such time as the  
1476 annual re-certification has been submitted and fee and fines paid.

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1477 **19.04.190 No Dangerous Conditions or Obstructions Allowed**

1478 No person shall install, use, or maintain any wireless telecommunications facility which in  
1479 whole or in part rests upon, in or over any public sidewalk or parkway, when such  
1480 installation, use, or maintenance endangers or is reasonably likely to endanger the safety of  
1481 persons or property, or when such site or location is used for public utility purposes, public  
1482 transportation purposes, or other governmental use, or when such facility unreasonably  
1483 interferes with or impedes the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic including any legally  
1484 parked or stopped vehicle, the ingress into or egress from any residence or place of  
1485 business, the use of poles, posts, traffic signs or signals, hydrants, mailboxes, permitted  
1486 sidewalk dining, permitted street furniture, or other objects permitted at or near said location.

1487 **19.04.200 Permit Expiration**

1488 A. A permit for any wireless telecommunications facility shall be valid for a period of ten  
1489 (10) years, unless the Planning Commission authorizes a different period, or pursuant to

1491 another provision of the Fairfax Municipal Code the permit lapses sooner or is revoked. At  
1492 the end of such period, the permit shall expire.

1493 B. A permittee may apply for renewals of its permit in increments of no more than ten  
1494 (10) years and no sooner than twelve (12) months prior to expiration of the permit.

1495 C. An application for renewal shall be evaluated based on federal, state, and local law  
1496 as it exists at the time applicant seeks renewal. The following may also be required for an  
1497 application to renew a wireless permit:

1498 1. At the zoning administrator's discretion, additional studies and information may be  
1499 required of the applicant.

1500 2. If the zoning administrator determines that the facility is nonconforming or that  
1501 additional conditions of approval are necessary to bring the facility into  
1502 compliance with the provisions of the Fairfax Municipal Code that are then in  
1503 effect, the zoning administrator shall refer the renewal request to the Planning  
1504 Commission.

1505 D. The request for a renewal shall be decided by the Planning Commission if the permit  
1506 expired before the application is made for a renewal or if the zoning administrator refers  
1507 the matter to the Planning commission. After notice and a public hearing, the Planning  
1508 Commission may approve, conditionally approve, or deny the renewal. A permit  
1509 application may not be renewed if the facility is not upgraded to mitigate its impacts,  
1510 including land use compatibility, visual resources, public safety or other factors  
1511 addressed by CEQA, to the greatest extent permitted by technology which exists at the  
1512 time of renewal and is consistent with the provisions of adequate service at affordable  
1513 rates.

1514 **19.04.210 Cessation of Use or Abandonment**

1515 A. A wireless telecommunications facility is considered abandoned and shall be  
1516 promptly removed as provided herein if it ceases to provide wireless telecommunications  
1517 services for ninety (90) or more consecutive days. If there are two or more users of a single  
1518 facility, then this provision shall not become effective until all users cease using the facility.

1519 B. The operator of a facility shall notify the Town in writing of its intent to abandon or  
1520 cease use of a permitted site or a nonconforming site (including unpermitted sites) within ten  
1521 (10) days of ceasing or abandoning use. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the  
1522 operator of the facility shall provide written notice to the zoning administrator of any  
1523 discontinuation of operations of thirty (30) days or more.

1524 C. Failure to inform the zoning administrator of cessation or discontinuation of  
1525 operations of any existing facility as required by this section shall constitute a violation of  
1526 any approvals and be grounds for:

1527 1. Prosecution;

- 1528 2. Revocation or modification of the permit;
- 1529 3. Calling of any bond or other assurance required by this chapter or conditions of  
1530 approval of the permit;
- 1531 4. Removal of the facilities by the Town in accordance with the procedures  
1532 established under the Fairfax Municipal Code for abatement of a public nuisance  
1533 at the owner's expense; and
- 1534 5. Any other remedies permitted under the Fairfax Municipal Code or applicable law.

1535 **19.04.220 Removal and Restoration, Permit Expiration, Revocation or Abandonment**

1536 A. **Permittee's removal obligation.** Upon the expiration date of the permit, earlier  
1537 termination or revocation of the permit or abandonment of the facility, the permittee, owner  
1538 or operator shall remove its wireless telecommunications facility and restore the site to its  
1539 natural condition, except for retaining the landscaping improvements and any other  
1540 improvements at the sole discretion of the zoning administrator. Removal shall be in  
1541 accordance with proper health and safety requirements and all ordinances, rules, and  
1542 regulations of the Town. The facility shall be removed from the property within thirty (30)  
1543 days of the permit's expiration, at no cost or expense to the Town. If the facility is located  
1544 on private property, the private property owner shall also be jointly and severally responsible  
1545 for the expense of timely removal and restoration.

1546 B. **Failure to remove.** Failure of the permittee, owner, or operator to promptly remove  
1547 its facility and restore the property within thirty (30) days after expiration, earlier termination,  
1548 or revocation of the permit, or abandonment of the facility, shall be a violation of the Fairfax  
1549 Municipal Code, and be grounds for:

- 1550 1. Prosecution;
- 1551 2. Calling of any bond or other assurance required by this chapter or conditions of  
1552 approval of permit;
- 1553 3. Removal of the facilities by the Town in accordance with the procedures  
1554 established under the Fairfax Municipal Code for abatement of a public nuisance  
1555 at the owner's expense; or
- 1556 4. Any other remedies permitted under the Fairfax Municipal Code.

1557 C. **Summary removal.** In the event the zoning administrator determines that the  
1558 condition or placement of a wireless telecommunications facility located in the public right-  
1559 of-way constitutes a dangerous condition, obstruction of the public right-of-way, or an  
1560 imminent threat to public safety, or determines other exigent circumstances require  
1561 immediate corrective action (collectively, "exigent circumstances"), the zoning administrator  
1562 may cause the facility to be removed summarily and immediately without advance notice or  
1563 a hearing. If the circumstances allow for it and, to the extent feasible, the zoning  
1564 administrator will notify the permittee to remove the facility and allow for the reinstallation of

1565 the facility, subject to the permittee demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Town's Building  
1566 Official and zoning administrator that the work can be done in safe manner compliant with  
1567 the original Approved Plans and Section 19.04.100. Written notice of the removal shall be  
1568 served upon the person who owns the facility within five (5) business days of removal and  
1569 all property removed shall be preserved for the owner's pick-up, as is reasonably feasible. If  
1570 the owner cannot be identified following reasonable effort or if the owner fails to pick-up the  
1571 property within sixty (60) days, the facility shall be treated as abandoned property.

1572 **D. Removal of facilities by Town.** In the event the Town removes a facility in  
1573 accordance with this chapter , any such removal shall be without any liability to the Town  
1574 for any damage to such facility that may result from reasonable efforts of removal. In  
1575 addition to the procedures for recovering costs of nuisance abatement, the Town may  
1576 collect such costs from the performance bond posted and to the extent such costs exceed  
1577 the amount of the performance bond, collect those excess costs in accordance with the  
1578 Fairfax Municipal Code. Unless otherwise provided herein, the Town has no obligation to  
1579 store such facility. Neither the permittee, the owner, nor the operator shall have any claim if  
1580 the Town damages or destroys any such facility not timely removed by the permittee, owner,  
1581 or operator after notice, or removed by the Town due to exigent circumstances.

1582 **19.04.230 Authorization for Departmental Forms, Rules, and Other Regulations.**

1583 The Town Council authorizes the zoning administrator to develop and publish permit  
1584 application forms, checklists, informational handouts and other related materials that the  
1585 zoning administrator finds necessary, appropriate or useful for processing requests,  
1586 applications, permits, or any other matter under this chapter. Without further authorization  
1587 from the Town Council, the zoning administrator may from time-to-time update and alter any  
1588 such permit application forms, checklists, informational handouts and other related materials  
1589 as the zoning administrator deems necessary, appropriate or useful to respond to  
1590 regulatory, technological or other changes related to this chapter. The Town Council  
1591 authorizes the zoning administrator to establish other reasonable rules and regulations,  
1592 which may include, without limitation, regular hours for appointments with applicants, as the  
1593 zoning administrator deems necessary or appropriate to organize, document, and manage  
1594 the application intake and permitting process.

1595 **19.04.240 Appeals.**

1596 **A. Appeals by Applicants.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Fairfax Municipal Code to  
1597 the contrary, including, but not limited to, Chapter 17.036, any applicant may appeal a  
1598 decision by the zoning administrator under this Chapter. The appeal must be filed within two  
1599 (2) days from the zoning administrator's decision. The appeal must state in plain terms the  
1600 grounds for reversal and the facts that support those grounds. The Town Council shall serve  
1601 as the appellate authority for all appeals of all actions of the zoning administrator taken  
1602 pursuant to this section. The Town shall provide notice for an administrative hearing by the  
1603 Town Council. The Town Council shall limit its review to whether the project should be  
1604 approved or denied in accordance with the provisions in this Chapter.

1605 **B. Appeals by the General Public.** Any interested person or entity may appeal any  
1606 decision by the approval authority in accordance with the standards and procedures in Title  
1607 17.036, except as modified in this Section. On the next available meeting date after the  
1608 appeal period lapses, or as soon as reasonably feasible thereafter, the appellate body shall  
1609 hold a public hearing to consider and act on the application in accordance with the  
1610 applicable provisions in the General Plan, any applicable specific plan and all applicable  
1611 provisions in the Fairfax Municipal Code. Appeals from an approval will not be permitted to  
1612 the extent that the appeal is based on environmental effects from RF emissions that comply  
1613 with all applicable FCC regulations.

1614 **19.04.250 Effect on Other Ordinances**

1615 Compliance with the provisions of this chapter shall not relieve a person from complying with  
1616 any other applicable provision of the Fairfax Municipal Code, including, but not limited to,  
1617 obtaining any necessary encroachment or building permits. In the event of a conflict  
1618 between any provision of this chapter and other provisions of the Fairfax Municipal Code,  
1619 this chapter shall control.

1620