

# Small Cell Wireless Aesthetic Requirements

In implementing City Code Title IX, Chapter 100, the City finds that in order to provide for the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens, and to ensure the integrity of its streets and the appropriate use of the public rights-of-way and its uses, the City will consider aesthetic compatibility before permit issuance and compliance with the following requirements:

- 1. CABLES AND WIRES.** The small wireless facility shall have limited exposed cabling and mounting hardware. It shall also match the wireless support structure it is attached to in color and, as close as practicable, in material and design.
- 2. SUPPORT STRUCTURES.**
  - a. A new wireless support structure shall not exceed 50 feet above ground level, subject to the requirements of City Code Chapter 152, and shall be separated from other wireless support structures by a minimum of six hundred (600) feet;
  - b. Notwithstanding subsection (a), a new wireless support structure that replaces an existing wireless support structure that is higher than 50 feet above ground level may be placed at the height of the existing wireless support structure, subject to the requirements of City Code Chapter 152;
  - c. The diameter of a new wireless support structure that replaces an existing wireless support structure shall not exceed the diameter of the existing wireless support structure by more than fifty percent (50%);
  - d. Wireless facilities constructed in the right-of-way after May 31, 2017 shall not extend more than ten (10) feet above an existing wireless support structure in place as of May 31, 2017.
- 3. GROUND MOUNTED EQUIPMENT.**
  - a. Ground-mounted equipment shall be placed below grade unless not technically feasible;
  - b. Ground-mounted equipment shall not disrupt traffic or pedestrian circulation and shall not interfere with vehicle and pedestrian intersection sight lines;
  - c. Ground-mounted equipment shall not create a safety hazard;
  - d. If placed above grade, ground-mounted equipment shall be separated from the nearest ground-mounted equipment on the same block face by a minimum of 330 feet unless the equipment is placed underground, or unless waived by the City;
  - e. If placed above grade, ground-mounted equipment shall be limited to three (3) feet in height and twenty-eight (28) cubic feet in cumulative size.
- 4. LOCATION.** The City will consider impacts to the public health, safety, and welfare when reviewing a small wireless permit application and a request to enter into a small wireless facility collocation agreement. The public health, safety and welfare can be best accommodated by locating small wireless facilities in the following order, which affords the greatest protection of the public:

- a. Locate outside of the right-of-way;
- b. Locate in the right-of-way on or adjacent to arterial or collector streets;
- c. Locate on a new wireless support structure within the right-of-way that replaces an existing wireless support structure of the same height;
- d. Locate on a new wireless support structure within the right-of-way that replaces an existing wireless support structure whose height is less than or equal to 50 feet;
- e. Locate on a new wireless support structure within the right-of-way whose height is similar to nearby structures;
- f. Locate on a new wireless support structure within the right-of-way whose height is less than or equal to 50 feet;

The City will also consider factors such as aesthetic compatibility of the small wireless facility with surrounding structures, ability to eliminate, underground, or screen ground-mounted equipment, dangers within the small wireless facility fall zone, distance of the small wireless facility from roads, sidewalks, trails and bicycle lanes, and future roadway, pedestrian, bicycle, water, wastewater, and stormwater improvement plans for the site before issuing small wireless facility permit.

#### **5. OTHER.**

- a. The small wireless facility shall not interfere with public safety wireless telecommunications;
- b. Small wireless facilities in the right-of-way shall be removed and relocated at the City's request and at no cost to the City when the City determines that removal and relocation is necessary to prevent interference with: (1) present or future City use of the right-of-way for a public project; (2) the public health, safety, or welfare; or (3) the safety and convenience of travel over the right-of-way;
- c. A small wireless facility attached to an existing wireless support structure shall not block light emanating from the wireless support structure and shall not otherwise interfere with the original use of the wireless support structure.