

GLENDALE ORGANIZED AGAINST CELL TOWERS

April 2010 Update

Final hearing on wireless ordinance: April 6, 2010 City Council meeting.

The ordinance reflects limitations imposed by state and federal laws, but has strict rules for placement and design, and detailed permit application requirements.

Significant protections for residents:

- Discourages installations in residential zones
- Requires 30-day notices that should eliminate surprise installations
- Contains strict regulations for permit applications and installations in all municipal zones
- Imposes setback requirements for all installations
- Requires public hearings for private property installations, allows appeals of public right-of-way installations.

Residential zones are not "preferred locations" – these are utility towers and poles, traffic lights, "cobra-style" street lights, and roadway overpasses **"in non-residential zones"** (Section 12.08.005 – Definitions)

Community Notification – Applicants must provide certified prepaid public notice mailing labels for all owners of real property within a 500 ft. radius of all proposed installations. 30-day notice. Signs must be posted at the location. (Section 12.08.037 G.-H. and Section 30.61.010)

Coverage Gap Information Required – applications for all installations must include "a map showing all of the applicant's existing sites in the local service network associated with the coverage gap the wireless telecommunications facility is meant to close, and describing how the coverage gap will be filled by the proposed installation." (Section 12.08.037 G.7.)

Alternative Site Analysis Required – cost, visual benefits, proximity to dwellings among factors that must be considered (Section 12.08.037 G.4. and Section 30.040.020 H.1.n.)

Camouflage, Height, and Setback Requirements – Camouflage required for most installations (Section 12.08.037 O. and Section 30.47.070 A.2.) **Height** tied to underlying zone and type of structure except as approved by Planning Director (rules throughout ordinance). **Setbacks** tied to underlying zone**, measured in a perpendicular line from the wireless facility to the private property line. ****Per Public Works Counsel Christina Sansone, setbacks are: Street Front – ROS, R1R= 15'; R1=25' ; Street Side – ROS, R1R=15', R1=6'**

Public Hearings – While private property installations will require a CUP and a public hearing, public right-of-way installations will be processed as encroachment permits by Public Works with no public hearing (property owners within 500 ft. will receive notices, a sign will be posted, and interested parties may contact Public Works with concerns). The ordinance specifies an appeals process (Section 12.08.037 P.)

If residents want public hearings for all proposed installations, the ordinance must be revised. Glendale Organized Against Cell Towers urges residents to attend the City Council hearing, to thank the city for a protective wireless ordinance, and to ask for consideration of public hearings for all installations.

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