

**Wireless Telecommunication Facilities (WTF) Governance by California Cities –
Administrative/Ministerial Permits in the Public Right-of-Way (Residential Districts)¹**

1. Large and/or nearby cities with the administrative permitting requirements:

- Glendale (G; Muni. Code §12.08.037)
- Santa Barbara (SB; Muni. Code §28.94.030.DD)
- Torrance (T; Muni. Code §92.39)
- Beverly Hills (BH; Muni. Code §§10-3-4508, 8-7-6)
- West Hollywood (WH; Muni. Code §§11.40.120, 19.36.350)
- Santa Monica (SM; Muni. Code §7.06 -- existing and replacement poles)
- Long Beach (LB; proposed Muni. Code §21.56.010)²

2. Common key provisions:

- Design, installation and/or development standards (e.g., height, scale, color, finish, camouflage, antenna placement/number, landscaping, setbacks, ID and/or accessory equipment requirements)³
- Visual/aesthetic impact and public welfare/safety considerations
- No exemption for utility pole installations

3. Other provisions of note:

- Notice of installation and/or hearing to nearby/affected property owners/occupants (300 ft./500 ft.) (G, T, BH)
- Expanded notice (e.g., posting on-site; notice to others requesting notice) (G)
- Public comments and/or limited purpose hearings prior to permit issuance (G, SB, T, SM)⁴
- Conditions may be imposed by reviewing authority (G, T, BH, SM)
- Appeals by any interested/aggrieved persons (G, T, BH)
- Tiered location preferences/residential siting discouraged (e.g., commercial districts preferred over residential districts) (G, T, SM)
- Tiered support structure preferences (e.g., co-location, existing poles, streetlights) (T, BH, SM, LB)
- Justification/prohibition analysis and/or hearing (coverage gap, alternative site feasibility, hardship, least intrusive means and/or needs tests) (G, T, BH, SM, LB)
- Concentration limits (SM, LB)
- Noise, acoustical, wind/load consideration/analysis (G, T, BH, LB)
- Additional specific siting requirements: prohibitions against installations in center median and in areas with no overhead utilities (LB); pole height limitation/at or near height of comparable existing infrastructure (T, LB, SM); 100 ft. separation between facility's base and dwelling (SB); potential quarterly construction delay "windows" (WH)
- RF emissions analysis and/or certification of compliance with FCC requirements (G, T, BH, SM, LB)
- Mapping of existing WTF and/or projection of anticipated future needs (G, BH)
- Showing of CPUC issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (public utility status of applicant) (G, WH, LB)
- Permit duration limits and/or periodic review/monitoring (G, BH, LB)
- Procedures for permit revocation/termination and/or facility removal (G, T)

4. Temporary moratorium/hold on applications during drafting process: G, T, SM, LB

5. Legal challenges to listed ordinances: None (as of 4/28/11)

¹Includes cities with specific and/or extensive WTF regulations (does not include counties); sources: communications with city officials/city attorneys/text of ordinances.

²Proposed ordinance passed in LB Planning Commission 4/7/11; enactment by LB City Council expected when temporary moratorium expires in 5/11 (Long Beach City Attorney).

³In practice, West Hollywood sets standards/considers impacts on case-by-case basis (staff, WH Planning Dept.)

⁴In practice, Santa Barbara has held public hearings for certain proposed PROW projects (e.g., city-wide microcell network) (staff, SB Architectural Board of Review/SBMC §28.94.030.DD.1.c(5)).