



Small Cellular Facilities Code Update

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May 1, 2018



PROPOSED REVISIONS



- **On April 3, 2018 Proposed....**
 - Implement development standards specific to Small Cellular facilities within the City of Tacoma Right-of-Way.
 - Consistency with Business Districts and Historic Districts
 - Height Limitations
 - Limits number of antennas
 - Requires flush mounting antennas; equipment same color as pole
 - Addresses conflicts with residential development

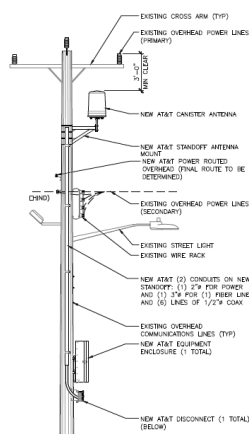
PUBLIC TESTIMONY



- Public testimony on April 3, 2018.
 - Need flexibility to meet needs/requirements of pole owner.
 - Need flexibility to meet needs of wireless network.

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EXAMPLES



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BENCHMARK



- Benchmarked Spokane, Kenmore, Kirkland, Renton, Redmond
- Screening or concealment of ground level equipment required
- Preference for installations internal to pole
- External installation painted to match pole
- Preference for flush mounted or concealed antennas
- When not flush mounted, no more than 12 inches from pole
- Discretion to deviate when necessary

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PROPOSED REVISIONS



- **Proposed changes May 1, 2018....**
- When applicant can demonstrate pole owner need or technical demonstration of need to meet wireless network:
 - Antenna and/or equipment up to 12" offset from pole
- Replace planting around ground level equipment or alternative "stealth" installation such as using a skin/wrap or hiding in furniture
- Facilitate City of Tacoma initiative to underground utilities

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