

Chapter 18.60: TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

18.60.010 Purpose.

Telecommunications facilities are regulated to:

- A. Protect the health and safety of citizens from any adverse affects from radio frequency emissions;
- B. Preserve the quality of living in residential areas which are in close proximity to telecommunications facilities and systems; and,
- C. Preserve the opportunity for continued growth and service from the telecommunications industry.

18.60.020 Development standards.

- A. Telecommunication facilities shall be subject to design review under chapter 18.45.
- B. The grouping of towers on a site, and the co-location of facilities on a single tower, is required where technically feasible. The applicant shall provide evidence to the city that such grouping or co-location is not technically feasible before any new towers may be approved.

18.60.030 District restrictions.

- A. In R1, R2, R3, C1, C2 and PSP districts, telecommunications facilities are conditional uses
- B. In M1 and M2 districts, telecommunications facilities are permitted uses.

18.60.040. Exemptions.

The following are exempt from the requirements of this chapter:

- A. Two-way communication transmitters used on a temporary basis by "911" emergency services, including fire, police and emergency aid or ambulance service;
- B. Telecommunication that were legally established prior to the effective date of this chapter;
- C. Temporary telecommunication facilities of all types that are used by a public agency solely for emergency communications in the event of a disaster, emergency preparedness, or public health or safety purposes;

- D. Any maintenance or repair of previously approved telecommunication facilities provided that such activity does not increase the height, width, or mass of the facility;
- E. Dish antennas used for residential purposes;
- F. VHF and UHF receive-only television antennas, provided they are fifteen (15) feet or less above the existing or proposed roof; and
- G. Amateur Radio Operator antennas located on a licensed Amateur radio operator's property.

18.60.050. Temporary Facilities

In order to facilitate continuity of services during maintenance or repair of existing installations, or prior to completion of construction of a new Telecommunication facility, temporary telecommunications facilities shall be allowed for no longer than sixty (60) days. Temporary telecommunication facilities shall not have a permanent foundation, and shall be removed within thirty (30) days of suspension of service they provide.

18.60.060. Removal for Discontinuance of Service

Any telecommunication facility that has not provided service for six (6) months may at the Directors discretion, be deemed a nuisance and shall be subject to removal under the nuisance abatement provisions of this code.

18.60.070. Fees

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, the Director may require, as part of the application fees for land use permits, an amount sufficient to recover all of the City's costs in retaining consultants to verify statements made in conjunction with the permit application, to the extent that verification requires telecommunication experts.