



# Wireless Communication Code Amendments

Title 20.33, Wireless Communication Facilities and Antenna Support Structures; Title 20.03 Definitions; and Title 20.54 Special Use\*

Planning Commission  
May 5, 2021

# Permitting

- ▶ No change to required permit types
- ▶ Some changes to application materials required
- ▶ Collocations include Small Wireless Facilities





# Administrative Permit

- Collocations on existing structures
- Small Wireless Facilities in the rights-of-way
  1. Determine whether all materials necessary for an application have been provided
  2. Review application to meet specific requirements in code
  3. Approve or deny



# Hearing Examiner Process

## ► Towers

1. Determine whether all materials necessary for an application have been provided
2. If complete application, mail a notice of application to properties within a 2,600 ft. radius
3. Receive public comment
4. Review SEPA
5. Mail and post notice of public hearing
6. HE holds an open record public meeting
7. HE determination, including any conditions necessary



# Environmental Review

- ▶ State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Hearing Examiner review

- ▶ National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau reviews an environmental assessment (EA) when triggered



# Radio-Frequency

- ▶ Applicants must submit a signed statement from a professional that the site meets RF standards of federal law
- ▶ The County may submit materials to a third-party RF professional for review
- ▶ Compliance with federal law a condition of permit



## Gap in Coverage

- Change in draft
- Requiring filling a “gap in coverage” is no longer means for denial of an application

## Locations

- Can protect view corridors and require that a site minimizes impacts compared to another site

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## Set public hearing for June 2<sup>nd</sup>

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