

Wireless Telecommunication Facilities in the Public Right of Way - Design Criteria Update

City Council July 16, 2019

- Amended Telecom Act of 1996
 - Limited review authority
- Carriers have the right to use ROW
- City adopted Design Criteria (2013)
- FCC Order (Small Cell #18-133) (2019)
- Agreement with AT&T for City owned poles (2019)

Local and State governments *may not*:

- Regulate based on RF emissions;
- Discriminate among providers;
- Extend application review beyond shot clock;
- Have the effect of prohibiting wireless services.

Local and State governments *may*:

Regulate facilities based on objective aesthetic criteria.



Pole Mounted - 1



Pole Mounted - 2



Ground Mounted

Goals of Updates:

- Minimize aesthetic impacts;
- Create objective and enforceable design criteria;
- Clarify terminology and criteria; and
- Clarify level of decision-making authority.

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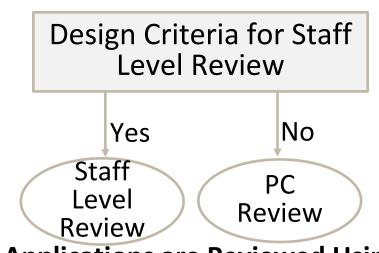
Update to Design Criteria for Telecom in ROW Review Procedure

Design Criteria Yes No Staff Level Review Review

Applications are Reviewed Based on:

- The objectives and purpose of Design Criteria; and
- Appearance of proposed facilities, to preserve the aesthetics of adjacent properties.

Proposed



Applications are Reviewed Using:

Objective Design Criteria

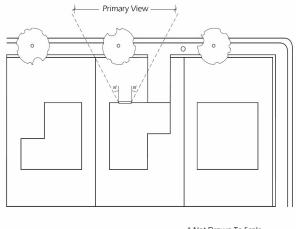


Update to Design Criteria for Telecom in ROW Design Criteria

Design Criteria

Amendments Include:

- Defining "Primary Views";
- Creating pole spacing standards; and
- Promotion of the "Least Intrusive" design for:
 - Pole Location;
 - Antennas;
 - Cabinet Location; and
 - Ground Mounted Equipment.



* Not Drawn To Scale

Recommendation

Considerations

- Recommend that the City Council:
 - Update the Design Criteria
 - Update the Design Criteria with Modifications
 - Take no action and maintain the existing Design Criteria

Staff Recommendation

 Recommend that the City Council Update the Design Criteria