

PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 19 - 5986

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING DESIGN GUIDELINES
FOR SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES**

GENERAL EXEMPTION

APPLICANT: City of West Covina

LOCATION: Citywide

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, did on the 23rd day of April 2019, adopted design guidelines for small wireless facilities; and

WHEREAS, studies and investigations made by this Commission and on its behalf reveal the following facts:

1. The Municipal Code currently has standards for Wireless Telecommunication Facilities which were adopted in 1997.
2. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued Order 18-133 which, among other undertakings, requires that aesthetic standards for small wireless communications facilities in the public right-of-way be 1) reasonable, 2) no more burdensome than applied to other types of infrastructure deployments, 3) objective, and 4) published in advance.
3. It is the desire of the City of West Covina to encourage an aesthetically pleasing local environment. It is also the intent of the City to encourage the expansion of wireless technology because it provides a valuable service to residents and businesses in the city. It is the City's goal to encourage wireless providers to construct new facilities in a way that blends architecturally with the built environment
4. The City of West Covina strives to comply with Federal and State mandates.
5. The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, in that the proposed action consists of the adoption of design guidelines, which does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Commission of the City of West Covina as follows:

SECTION NO. 1: The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as if set forth herein in full.

SECTION NO. 2: Based on the evidence presented and the findings set forth, adoption of Design guidelines will promote compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Order 18-133 while also promoting the City's aesthetic design preferences for such facilities.

SECTION NO. 3: Based on the evidence presented and the findings set forth, the Planning Commission of the City of West Covina hereby adopts the Design Guidelines as set forth on Exhibit "A."

SECTION NO. 4: The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the City Council for their attention in the manner as prescribed by law and this Resolution shall go into force and effect upon its adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of West Covina, at a regular meeting held on the 23th day of April, 2019, by the following vote.

AYES: Holtz, Heng, Kennedy, Redholtz

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jaquez

DATE: 4/23/19



Herb Redholtz, Chairman
Planning Commission



Jeff Anderson, Secretary
Planning Commission

EXHIBIT A

(See next page for the Design Guidelines)



CITY OF WEST COVINA SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY DESIGN GUIDELINES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Review Process – Small cells require an administrative use permit per WCMC Section 26-685.985. Staff will be recommending approval if facility complies with the following design standards.

Location – Locate 100 feet away from properties used for residential purposes.

Facility and Support Equipment – Facilities should be proposed on existing aggregate light poles. A replacement light pole should be no more than 3 feet from the existing pole location. All facilities shall be designed, textured and colored to match the existing light pole for aesthetic consistency. The base of the pole should be a maximum of 16 inches in diameter. New and/or replacement poles shall be aggregate/marbilite, in a mix, blend, color, and shape/contour to match existing poles in the vicinity.

Narrow Vertical Alignment – Consider the use of shrouds and equipment enclosures that are nearly the same diameter as the pole at a ratio of approximately 1:1 for a more visually streamlined form from the street level. Avoid any tilted arrangement.

Antenna & RRU – Place antenna and RRUs within a shroud above the light pole. RRUs attached to the side of the pole are discouraged; but if required and with discretionary approval, it should use the smallest RRU volume possible and be placed close together with minimal distance from the pole.

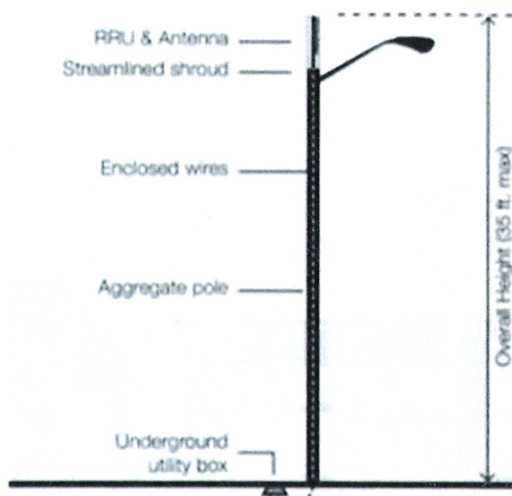
Wires & Cables – Wires and cables should be contained within the shroud and run inside the pole for an orderly appearance. If wiring cannot be contained within the pole, all wiring shall be contained within a conduit that is subdued or matches the adjacent surface and is UV protected.

Signage – Signage shall be limited to the minimum required by the government and electrical utility regulations and shall be as small and least visible as possible.

Construction Approach (including power and metering) - Separate freestanding meter pedestals should not be used. Metering should be wireless when possible, and underground if wireless metering is infeasible.

Height- Overall height of the streetlight pole, including mounted equipment, shall be similar to the surrounding poles and not exceed 35 feet in height.

Recommend Approval



Discretionary Review

