

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
November 4, 2003

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 348.4090 (establishment of rules, regulations and design guidelines for Wireless Communication Facilities within all zones)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors introduce and adopt the above-referenced ordinance on successive weeks.

BACKGROUND: The Planning Department has been processing the review of wireless communication facilities (generally cellular towers) under the provisions of Ordinance 348, which pertain to "broadcasting antenna" and other similar uses. This has worked moderately well, but in recognition of the fact that Ordinance 348 should address such facilities directly, the Board of Supervisors directed the Planning Department and the Information Technology Department to retain a consultant to prepare an amendment to Ordinance 348 that would regulate the design and placement of all wireless communication facilities within the unincorporated areas of the County.

On December 5, 2000, as a result of numerous issues raised by the public, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to prepare an amendment to Ordinance No. 348 to regulate Wireless Communication Facilities within the unincorporated sections of Riverside County. On April 17, 2001, the Board of Supervisors passed an Interim Zoning ordinance to regulate Wireless Communication Facilities and an amendment to Ordinance 348 regulating the height of structures in all zones. After extensive research, meetings with representative of the Wireless Communications industry and the Board of Supervisors' Staff, a proposed Wireless Communication Facilities ordinance was prepared. On May 14, 2003, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed ordinance, received testimony from the general public as well as the wireless communications industry, and approved the proposed ordinance based upon suggestions received by all persons who attended the Commission hearings.

Robert C. Johnson  
Planning Director

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REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DATE 11-10-03 RB  
Departmental Concurrence

- Dept't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

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1 consistent with Ordinance No. 348 Section 18.40 (R.C.C. Title 17.172.205) and the appropriate  
2 District Design Guidelines; establishes new submittal requirements that will require review by the  
3 Department of Information Technology, Communication Bureau; photo simulations; geotechnical  
4 studies; biological assessments; and stealthing options; increase the bonding requirement to ensure  
5 removal of the facility once it is no longer useful, from \$250 to \$5,000; and establishes processing  
6 requirements on all new or revised facilities.

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8 The new ordinance also establishes a semi-annual reporting mechanism to assure that the facilities  
9 are adhering to the Conditions of Approval and are being maintained properly; establishes a  
10 specific life for each facility that may be extended, if appropriate; and increases the setback  
11 requirements from dwelling units to an amount equal to the height of the tower.  
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15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY  
16 OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

17 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
18 Chairman, Board of Supervisors

19 ATTESTED:

20 NANCY ROMERO

21 Clerk to the Board

22 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
23 Deputy  
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