



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Resolution No. 18523

HEARING DATE JANUARY 26, 2012

Date: January 26, 2012
Project: Wireless Telecommunication Siting Facilities Guidelines
Staff Contact: Jonas P. Ionin – (415) 558-6309
jonas.ionin@sfgov.org

1650 Mission St.
Suite 400
San Francisco,
CA 94103-2479

Reception:
415.558.6378

Fax:
415.558.6409

Planning
Information:
415.558.6377

ADOPTING RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 1996 WTS GUIDELINES AND SUPPLEMENTAL POLICY BY ADDING A NEW CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department's 1996 Wireless Telecommunications Services (hereinafter "WTS") Facilities Siting Guidelines (hereinafter "Guidelines"), endorsed by Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") Resolution No. 14182 and Supplemental Policy by Resolution No. 16539, has provided guidance to Department Staff (hereinafter "Staff") where administrative review is warranted; to the Commission in consideration of conditional use applications; and to the public/industry for siting preferences and submittal requirements.

On December 6, 2011 the Board of Supervisors heard the appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission, by its Motion No. 18448, relating to the approval, subject to certain conditions, of a Conditional Use authorization to install a wireless telecommunications facility at 2041 Larkin Street.

On December 15, 2011 the Board of Supervisors heard the appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission, by its Motion No. 18442, relating to the approval, subject to certain conditions, of a Conditional Use authorization to install a wireless telecommunications facility at 3901 Mission Street.

The Board of Supervisors moved to add the following condition to said approvals and strongly recommended the Planning Commission adopt the condition as a standard procedure for all WTS applications subject to conditional authorization:

Use is authorized as long as an independent evaluator, selected by the Planning Department with input from the parties, determines that the information and conclusions submitted by AT&T in support of its request for conditional use are accurate. AT&T shall fully cooperate with the evaluator and shall provide any and all data requested by the evaluator to allow the evaluator to verify that the maps, data and conclusions about service coverage submitted by AT&T are accurate. AT&T shall bear all costs of said evaluation. The independent evaluator, upon request by AT&T, shall keep the submitted data confidential and shall sign a confidentiality agreement acceptable to AT&T. The independent evaluator shall be a professional engineer licensed by the State of California.

The Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed policy amendment and adopted the resolution on January 26, 2012, creating a new submittal requirement for WTS conditional use applications.

The proposal amends the WTS Guidelines and Supplemental Policy to require the following:

___ Coverage & Capacity Data Evaluation;

An independent evaluation of maps, data, and conclusions about service coverage and capacity submitted by the wireless service provider to a professional engineer, licensed by the State of California and selected from a list provided by the Planning Department; wet stamped and signed.

The Department has received several correspondences in support of the proposed Resolution recommending clarity and/or modifications.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby ADOPTS the proposed amendment to the WTS Guidelines and Supplemental Policy, a new WTS conditional use application submittal requirement causing service providers to seek verification through independent evaluation of their coverage and capacity conclusions, as recommended by the Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on January 26, 2012.

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioner(s) Antonini, Borden, Fong, Miguel, Moore

NOES: Commissioner(s) Sugaya

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: January 26, 2012