




COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Subject:** Telecommunications Facilities
- Issue:** Development Code Section 18.58.250 (Telecommunications Facilities) establishes standards for the development and operation of telecommunications facilities including cellular wireless communications facilities, satellite antennas, single pole/tower amateur radio antennas, and television and radio broadcasting towers. The Development Code definition of Telecommunications Facilities also includes data network facilities, which are not specifically addressed in Development Code Section 18.58.250. This section also does not differentiate between large and small telecommunications facilities. Due to advances in technology, small communications facilities are now available that are smaller in size and present less visual impacts.
- Reference:** Section 18.58.250 (Telecommunications Facilities)
- Policy/Procedure:** Development Code Section 18.58.250 (Telecommunications Facilities) establishes standards for the development and operation of telecommunications facilities including cellular wireless communications facilities, satellite antennas, single pole/tower amateur radio antennas, and television and radio broadcasting towers, but does not address data network facilities. Data network facilities, which are included in the Development Code definition of Telecommunications Facilities, are similar in use to cellular wireless communication facilities and shall be subject to the requirements of Development Code Section 18.58.250.A (Cellular wireless communication facilities).
- Development Code Section 18.58.250.A states that the land use permit requirement for wireless communications facilities shall be determined by Article II (Zoning Districts and Allowable Land Uses). Tables 2-2, 2-3, 2-6 and 2-7 in Article II establish the allowed land uses and permit requirements for each zoning district. For the zoning districts in which telecommunications facilities are an allowed use, the current permit requirement is a Use Permit, subject to the requirements of Development Code Section 18.58.250.
- Development Code Section 18.58.250.A (Cellular wireless communication facilities) does not differentiate between large and small wireless telecommunications facilities. A small telecommunications facility shall be defined as any telecommunications facility less than 10

feet in height. The land use permit requirement for small telecommunications facilities shall be approval of a Minor Use Permit, subject to all requirements of Section 18.58.250.A.

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Approved by: _____


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