

Chapter 30

REGULATION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION

6-30-020 Findings.

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1. Whereas, the telecommunications facilities are an integral part of the rapidly growing and evolving telecommunications industry and present unique zoning challenges for the County.
2. Whereas the County wishes to balance the interests and desires of the telecommunications industry and its customers to provide competitive and effective telecommunications systems in the County, with the sometimes differing interests and desires of others concerning health, safety, welfare and aesthetics issues, and orderly planning of the community.
3. Whereas the County has experienced and increased demand for telecommunications facilities to be located in the County, and expects the increased demand to continue into the future.
4. Whereas it is the best interests of the citizens of the County to have quality telecommunications services available, which necessarily entails the installation of telecommunications facilities within the County boundaries.
5. Whereas the visual effects of telecommunications facilities can be mitigated by fair standards regulating their siting, construction, maintenance and use.
6. Whereas locating antennas on existing buildings and structures creates less of a visual impact on the community than the erection of towers.
7. Whereas buildings and structures on public and private property are capable of being used to provide support for antenna arrays, thus reducing the number of towers in all areas of the County;
8. Whereas the placement of telecommunication facilities on public property usually distributes the positive and negative effects of telecommunication facilities most equitable;
9. Whereas the public policy objective of mitigating the impact of telecommunications towers can best be facilitated by permitting the locating of systems on existing buildings, towers, and antenna support structures;
10. Whereas the provisions set forth in this ordinance for the placement of telecommunications facilities will contribute to the health, safety and general welfare of the community.
11. Whereas Chapter 69-3 of the Utah Code, Annotated, grants Counties the authority to create or acquire sites to accommodate the erection of telecommunications towers and facilities in order to promote the location within a manageable area and to protect the aesthetics and environment of the area. The law also allows the County to require the owner of any tower to accommodate the multiple use of the tower by other companies where feasible and to pay the County the fair market rental value for the use of any County-owned site.