The Architectural Board of Review and Historic Landmarks Commission have been invited to attend a Joint Workshop meeting to review and offer input on the proposed Draft Wireless Ordinance. The proposed draft ordinance includes specific design preferences for future wireless facility installations.

The City of Santa Barbara is proposing to amend its Municipal Code regulations regarding Wireless Communication Facilities to reasonably regulate, to the extent permitted by California and federal law, the installation, operation, collocation, modification, and removal of wireless facilities in the City of Santa Barbara. The draft Ordinance is available for review and is posted on the City’s website at http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/services/planning/mpe/default.asp.

The Federal Communications Commission recently issued regulations that require cities to approve some collocations at previously approved facilities and allow for alterations to existing facilities if the alteration is not considered a “substantial change” pursuant to Section 6409(a) and the FCC’s regulations at 47 C.F.R. § 1.40001.

As a result, the current regulations may be in conflict with State and federal law. The new ordinance is intended to remedy any conflict and includes the following:

- Outlines City requirements for a revised review process for the various types of wireless telecommunications facilities applications;
- Defines the development standards and guidelines for new facilities and substantial changes to existing facilities;
- Specifies the types of wireless telecommunications facilities that are allowed to propose certain types of collocation facilities;
- Responds to FCC’s Wireless Facility Rules Implementing Section 6409(a) rules;
- Lists general design and aesthetic standards and preferences for wireless telecommunications collocation facilities;
- Lists aesthetic and concealment design requirements and preferences for wireless telecommunications collocation facilities in the Public Right of Way;
- Establishes required findings of approval for some wireless facilities that may require a Conditional Use Permit; and
• Allows for an administrative review process for certain wireless facility improvement projects consistent with federal laws and regulations.

If you cannot attend the workshop, or if you would prefer to submit written comments, please submit any written comments by mail attention Design Review Supervisor, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or by e-mail at JLimon@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

For more information or questions regarding the proposed regulations or workshop, please contact Jaime Limón at (805) 564-540, extension 5507.

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