


Comments for Zoning Ordinance (Communications Facilities) Section 130.40.130 Proposed Amendments

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.To whom it may concern,

Please find attached with comments for the Public Hearing on October 24, 2024 At 10:00 am. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Cordially,
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**RE: Proposed Amendments to Section 130.40.130 of the Zoning Ordinance
(Communications Facilities) Comments, Public Hearing October 24, 2024.**

We have been involved in the cell tower process that involves the Green Valley Road Cell site with Verizon (CUP23-011) and are adamantly opposed to the location, height of the proposed monopine tower, and all the industrial equipment that comes along with it. It's a nightmare for any neighborhood.

Therefore, we are very interested in the revised amendment draft to the existing ordinance, and we are hoping that all the revisions will come to fruition after the public hearing. It looks like many of our concerns are being considered and the Planning Commission is to be commended for initiating these steps.

The main concerns are the overall aesthetics and safety issues of the cell towers, especially in any neighborhood or in rural residential areas. Of course, even though these cell towers are a necessary evil, the ideal situation is to not have them knocking at our door.

Here are some of our general thoughts we would like to reiterate:

- Small cell towers are much more desirable than large cell towers. Small towers also can accommodate a smaller equipment facility that could have a more desired visual impact. We would prefer smaller towers with a stealth design.
- Site selection is a key element taking care that the tower, no matter the size or style, should never have direct sight lines to any residential homes. And we agree that the setback should be extended further away from property lines and the screening around the towers and facility to blend in with the surrounding area landscape is very necessary. In addition, the height of the cell tower needs to blend with existing trees and landscape.

- A cell tower should never be within 500 feet of a residence or safety issues from RF radiation, as well as intrusion into private property. It is imperative that all homeowners should be provided with an exposure report.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Blake and David Gersten