

City of St. Michael

Small Cell Wireless Facility Policy

City of St. Michael Aesthetic Requirements and Design Guidelines for Small Cell Wireless Facility Equipment

All Street Light Fixtures and Poles installed in conjunction with small cell wireless facility equipment within the City of St. Michael shall be reviewed and approved by the Engineering Department prior to installation. This includes approval of wireless facility equipment installed on City owned street lights, as well as privately owned street lights and poles, and street lights and poles owned by Xcel Energy and Wright-Hennepin Electric.

A small cell wireless facility permit shall be required for installations within the public right of way, and collocation agreements are required for each small cell wireless facility proposed on City of St. Michael owned infrastructure.

Collocation Preference: It is the City's strong preference that whenever an applicant proposes to place a new small wireless facility that the applicant collocate the same on existing wireless support structures.

Consideration of Alternate Locations: The City reserves the right to propose an alternate location for a small wireless facility and/or wireless support structure to the location proposed in the application within one hundred feet of the proposed location or within a distance that is equivalent to the width of the ROW in or on which the small wireless facility and/or wireless support structure is proposed, whichever is greater, which the operator shall use if it has the right to use the alternate location on reasonable terms and conditions and the alternate location does not impose technical limits or additional costs.

Preferable Locations: Most preferable locations are Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Districts, and Highway Right-of-Ways (if not adjacent to Residential Districts). Small cell wireless facilities are not permitted in Residential Districts.

Street light fixtures and poles installed to accommodate small cell wireless facility equipment shall be uniform and consistent in both color and appearance with existing City of St. Michael street light and pole infrastructure. When a permit application is received, the City shall work with the applicant to provide information on the type of pole, fixture, mounting, and base desired for requested location(s). The applicant shall be required to furnish a replacement pole as deemed necessary by the City where the requirements as such shall be identified in the collocation agreement.

The City of St. Michael shall not allow small cell wireless facility equipment to be installed on City owned and maintained decorative street lights.

The City of St. Michael reserves the right to reject any street light fixture proposed to be City owned and maintained and installed in conjunction with small cell wireless facility equipment based solely on appearance and consistency with existing City owned equipment and maintenance capabilities.

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