



Wireless Communication Eligible Facility Application

Federal Communication Commission Section 6409(a)

PURPOSE

This application serves to assist the City of Santa Maria to determine whether a request for modification of an existing tower or base station, involving: (i) Collocation of new transmission equipment; (ii) removal of transmission equipment; or (iii) Replacement of transmission equipment on private property qualifies as an "eligible facilities request" and/or would cause a substantial change as defined by the Federal Communication Commission.

INSTRUCTIONS

Applicant must complete this application and compliance checklist with submittal requirements for a Section 6409(a) modification to collocation or modify transmission equipment on an existing wireless tower on private property submitted for approval pursuant to Section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (codified as 47 U.S.C. § 1455(a)).

All forms must be typed or printed legibly, in blue or black ink, with requested information and the owner's signature. Incomplete applications and checklist will not be accepted.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Name and Title: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

CARRIER BENEFITING FROM PROPOSED WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY

State the name of the wireless communication facility carrier that will benefit from the wireless communication facility proposed in this application:

☐ AT&T ☐ Verizon ☐ T-Mobile and Sprint ☐ Other: _____

Cellular Network:

☐ 4G (Fourth Generation) ☐ 5G (Fifth Generation)

PROPERTY/SITE LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Address and/or project location description: _____

Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of the property: _____

Current Land Use: _____

PROPERTY/SITE LOCATION INFORMATION

Please briefly describe the proposed project: _____

VERIFICATION

I hereby consent to and make application for the above reference land use actions and certify that the information and exhibits submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further acknowledge that the burden to justify the approval of this request is mine alone, and that neither City staff nor other City officials are under any obligation to support or approve the requests contained herein.

Applicant:

Signature

Name (Printed)

Date

Owner:

Signature

Name (Printed)

Date

If there are multiple property owners, please attach a consent letter for each owner. For persons with Power of Attorney for property owner, please submit Power of Attorney documentation with this application.



Wireless Communication Eligible Facility Compliance Checklist

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Applicants claiming applicability of FCC Section 6409(a) to their project must answer “Yes” or “No” to each of the following questions and provide supporting documentation where noted.

Eligibility under Section 6409(a)

1. **Existing Facility:** Does the project involve an existing wireless tower or base station? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered “YES” to Question #1, attach a written explanation in support of your answer.

If you answered “NO” to Question #1, the proposed facility does not qualify as an Eligible Facilities Request. Please contact the Planning Division at (805)925-0951 ext. 2244 for steps in applying for discretionary review.

2. **Project Type:** Does the project involve (check all applicable boxes):

- a) Collocation of new transmission equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
b) Removal of transmission equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
c) Replacement of transmission equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered “YES” to any of the above in Question #2, attach a written explanation substantiating your answer to Question #2 and move on to the Substantial Change Analysis section below.

If you answered “NO” to all boxes in Question #2, the proposed facility does not qualify as an Eligible Facilities Request. Please contact the Planning Division at (805)925-0951 ext. 2244 for steps in applying for discretionary review.

Substantial Change Analysis

3. **Towers on Private Property:**

Does the project result in

- a) An increase in height by more than 20 feet or 10%, whichever is greater? ☐ Yes ☐ No
b) Protrudes from edge of tower more than 20 feet or more than the width of the tower structure at the level of the appurtenance, whichever is greater? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Attach calculations from the submitted plans to support your conclusion*

4. **Towers in Public Right of Way:**

Does the project result in adding an appurtenance that would protrude from the edge of the structure more than six feet? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. **Equipment Cabinets:**

Does the project involve installation of more than the standard number of new equipment cabinets for the technology involved, but not to exceed four cabinets? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Excavation:

Does the project entail any excavation of deployment outside the current site of the tower or base station?

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Concealment Element:

Will the project preserve all existing concealment elements of the current tower and/or base station that was part of a prior approval?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Attach narrative substantiating your conclusion*

8. Prior Conditions of Approval:

Will the proposed co-location preserve all prior conditions of approval that do not conflict with the FCC regulations for a substantial change? Noncompliance with prior permit conditions related to height, width, equipment cabinets and excavation would not cause a substantial change.

☐ Yes ☐ No



Wireless Communication Eligible Facility Submittal Requirements

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Each applicant applying for a wireless communications facility under Section 6409(a) shall submit the required completed application, and such additional or different requirements as are made applicable. At a minimum, a wireless communications facility application shall include the following in .pdf format:

1. Scaled site plan (required size is 24" x 36") and facility elevations:

- a. Scale (for example 1" = 20' or 1/8" = 1') with a north arrow. Provide "Reference North" if true north is not perpendicular or parallel to the property lines. All plans (site, floor, landscape and engineering plans, etc.) shall face the same direction (preferably with north to the top or left of the page).
- b. Title block including applicant's name, name of project (if any), project address, tract number and subdivision name (if applicable) and revision date.

Plans must include the following information:

- a. The proposed location of the wireless communications facility including access
 - b. The elevations of the wireless communications facility with dimensions identified
 - c. The height of any existing or proposed structure(s)
 - d. The location of any accessory equipment
 - e. The location of all guy wires
 - f. The location of all above and below ground wiring and connection cables
 - g. The location of existing or proposed easements on the property affecting the facility
 - h. The height of any panels, microwave dishes, or whip antennas, above ground level
 - i. The distance between the antenna structure and any existing or proposed accessory equipment
 - j. Any other necessary information as may be required by the Director of Community Development.
- 2. Computerized visual assessments or other exhibits equivalent in a form and manner acceptable to the Director of Community Development showing the before and after visual appearances of the proposed facility.**



Administrative Guidelines for Wireless Communication Facilities

These guidelines address the placement and design of wireless communication facilities (cell phones, paging) throughout the City of Santa Maria. These guidelines do not apply to FM, AM, or Ham radio antennas.

Locational Requirements

- The City of Santa Maria strongly encourages collocation on existing poles, buildings, or other structures. If collocation is not proposed, a written explanation on the reasons for not collocating shall be provided.
- New freestanding poles or towers are discouraged when building mounted and screened or collocated facilities are feasible.
- New monopoles or towers should be designed to be as high as the zoning district allows to accommodate future collocated facilities at a lesser height.
- New facilities are discouraged from all residential zones and along bikeway corridors identified in the City's General Plan. Facilities should be located in commercial or industrial zones.

Measures to Reduce Visual Impacts

- New facilities should be sited and mounted so as to minimize visual impacts from adjacent land uses and transportation corridors.
- The antennas should be located out of the skyline as much as possible. Alternative antenna designs that are less obtrusive should be considered.
- The least visually obtrusive support structure as viewed from the most visible public viewpoint should be used. Natural wood poles, steel poles, concrete poles, existing buildings, or lattice towers are generally acceptable support structures.
- Lighting of the facility, other than lighting for emergency repairs, is discouraged.
- Camouflaging of a stand-alone tower as a tree would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- If the facility will be located on a building, all equipment and antennas should be architecturally integrated into the building to minimize visibility from adjacent land uses and public rights-of-way. Ancillary structures should replicate and complement the architectural details of the primary building.
- All ancillary equipment should be fully screened.
- All poles, towers, and ancillary buildings should conform to the height limit of the applicable zoning district. The height of antennas on top of buildings should be in proportion to the height of the building and integrated into the building.
- If landscaping is removed to install the facility, landscaping should be replaced on the property at a 2:1 ratio for the area removed.

Color Scheme

- The color of the equipment should match the backdrop from the most visible public viewpoint.
- If an existing facility is located at the proposed site, and the existing facility has a color scheme that successfully reduces visual impacts, then the existing facility should serve as a guide for the color scheme of the proposed facility.
- Equipment visible against the skyline should in most cases be a medium grayish color. A sky-blue color should only be used with caution since it tends to be more visible on overcast or foggy days.

Utilities

- If a site has existing carriers, it is preferable to have the new facility tie into existing electric and/or telephone pedestals of the existing carriers at the lease site. This is not always possible and requires the cooperation of competitors.