



September 7, 2017

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**RE: 4551 San Fernando Road  
Wireless Telecommunication Facilities PWF 1711528**

Dear Ms. Sarto

Pursuant to the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Chapter 30.48.020 for a wireless telecommunications facility permit, the Community Development Department has processed your application to modify an existing T-Mobile wireless telecommunication facility located at **4551 San Fernando Road**, in the "IMU" – (Industrial Mixed Use) Zone, and described as Watt's Subdivision of a Part of the Rancho San Rafael in the City of Glendale, County of Los Angeles.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

This project is exempt from environmental review as a Class 1 "Existing Facility" exemption (Section 15301 (e) (1) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

**REQUIRED/MANDATED FINDINGS**

After considering the evidence presented with respect to this application, the plans submitted therewith, the Planning Hearing Officer has **GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS** your application based on the following findings:

1. **To the maximum extent reasonably feasible, the proposed wireless telecommunications facility has been designed to achieve compatibility with the community.**

The proposed installation consists of the following modifications to an existing T-Mobile wireless facility:

- Remove and replace three existing panel antennas (1 per sector)
- Install three new Air32 DB panel antennas on new pipe mounts
- Remove three existing RRUS11 B4
- Install one new DUS41 inside existing BTS cabinet
- Install six SPD's inside existing BTS
- Install three new 3/6 HCS to include fiber/DC jumpers
- Swap five existing PSU01 with six new PSU03
- Install one new XMU inside existing BTS

The proposed modification is for an existing facility on the roof an industrial building that was previously entitled by Variance Case No. 100079-S. The changes will not increase the height of the existing antennas and are compatible with the existing screen, as illustrated in the elevation drawings.

2. **Alternative configurations will not increase community compatibility or are not reasonably feasible.**

This configuration appears to be the most compatible as it is located at an existing site. Locating the facility at another location would increase incompatibility in the community.

3. **Alternative locations on the site will not increase community compatibility or are not reasonably feasible.**

Other locations at the proposed site will not increase community compatibility as there is an existing structure. An alternate location on the site would create an additional facility, which may not be compatible with the community. The location fills a gap in coverage with as little impact as possible on the building and surrounding neighborhood. The equipment will continue to be screened from public view and the antennas will replace existing antennas on the screen.

4. **The location of the wireless telecommunications facility on alternative sites will not increase community compatibility or is not reasonably feasible.**

Adding new technology to the current location results in a proposal most compatible and feasible with the purpose of the WTF ordinance and the RF coverage objectives. Alternate locations would create an additional facility, which may not be compatible with the community.

5. **The facility is necessary to close a significant gap in coverage.**

The radio frequency propagation maps submitted with the application show how the coverage gap is being met and that this site is necessary to fill a gap in coverage consistent with the ordinance for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Permits.

6. **The applicant has submitted a statement of its willingness to allow other carriers to co-locate on the proposed wireless telecommunications facility wherever technically and economically feasible and where co-location would not harm community compatibility.**

T-Mobile stated their willingness to allow other carriers to collocate on the site, wherever technically and economically feasible and compatible, as required in Section 30.40.020 (H) GMC.

7. **Noise generated by equipment will not be unnecessary, excessive, annoying nor be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.**

No excessive noise will be generated by the proposed scope of work. The existing equipment to remain, along with the proposed equipment, will not emit any noise decibels

in excess of established noise standards contained in Chapter 8.36 of the Glendale Municipal Code.

**8. The facility complies with all of the requirements of state and federal laws, regulations and orders.**

The applicant provided satisfactory evidence that the existing and proposed facility will meet all Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements, state and federal laws, and local regulations and orders.

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

**APPROVAL** of this Wireless Telecommunication Facility (WTF) shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. That the development shall be in substantial accord with the plans submitted with the application except for any modifications as may be required to meet specific Code standards or other conditions stipulated herein to the satisfaction of the Hearing Officer.
2. That all necessary permits (i.e., building, fire, engineering, etc.) shall be obtained from the Building and Safety Division and all construction shall be in compliance with the Glendale Building Code and all other applicable regulations.
3. That all licenses, permits as required or approvals from Federal, State, County or City authorities, including the City Clerk, shall be obtained and kept current at all times.
4. That the premises shall be made available and accessible to any authorized City personnel (Building, Fire, Police, Planning and Neighborhood Services, etc.) for inspection to ascertain that all conditions of approval are in compliance.
5. That design review approval or exemption shall be obtained prior to the issuance of a building permit.
6. That all non-functional or obsolete equipment shall be removed from the site.
7. That any transmissions shall not produce noise or other disturbances, which would interfere with normal activities in the area. The opinion of the Hearing Officer shall determine or settle disputes concerning this condition.
8. That any equipment service lighting shall be directed into the work area and shielded away from adjacent properties.
9. That all exterior antennas and equipment, including cables and supports, shall be painted to match the existing building.
10. That the premises be maintained in a clean and orderly condition, free of weeds, trash and graffiti.

11. That the authorization granted herein shall be valid for a period of 10 years until **September 7, 2027**, until at which time, a reapplication must be made prior to the expiration date.

## **APPEAL PERIOD, TIME LIMITS, LAPSE OF PRIVILEGES, TIME EXTENSIONS**

The applicant's attention is called to the fact that this grant is not a permit or license and that any permits and licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper City and public agency.

### **APPEAL PERIOD**

Under the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Title 30, Chapter 30.62, any person affected by the above decision has the right to appeal said decision to the Planning Commission if it is believed that the decision is in error or that procedural errors have occurred, or if there is substantial new evidence which could not have been reasonably presented. It is strongly advised that appeals be filed early during the appeal period and in person so that imperfections/incompleteness may be corrected before the appeal period expires. Any appeal must be filed on the prescribed forms within fifteen (15) days following the actual date of the decision. Information regarding appeals and appeal forms will be provided by the Permit Services Center (PSC) or the Community Development Department (CDD) upon request and must be filed with the prescribed fee prior to expiration of the 15-day period, on or before **September 22, 2017** at the Permit Services Center (PSC), 633 East Broadway, Room 101, Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, or at the Community Development Department (CDD), 633 East Broadway, Room 103, Monday thru Friday 12:00 pm to 5 pm.

**APPEAL FORMS are available on-line at: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/appeal>**

To save you time and a trip - please note that some of our FORMS are available on line and may be downloaded. AGENDAS and other NOTICES are also posted on the City's website at [www.glendaleca.gov](http://www.glendaleca.gov).

### **TIME LIMITS (GMC Chapter 30.41)**

#### **Termination**

Every right or privilege authorized by a Wireless Telecommunications Facility shall terminate two (2) years after the granting of such, unless the exercise of such right or privilege has commenced in good faith prior to such time, except as otherwise provided for.

#### **Lapse of Privilege**

A Wireless Telecommunications Facility may be terminated by the review authority upon any interruption or cessation of the use permitted by the Wireless Telecommunications Facility for one year or more in the continuous exercise in good faith of such right and privilege.

#### **Time Extension**

Permits granted by such right or privilege may be requested one time and extended for up to a maximum of one (1) additional year upon receipt of a written request from the applicant and demonstration that a reasonable effort to act on such right and privilege has commenced within the two (2) years of the approval date. In granting such extension the applicable review authority shall make a written finding that neighborhood conditions have not substantially changed since the granting of the Wireless Telecommunications Facility.

## TRANSFERABILITY

This authorization runs with the land or the use for which it was intended for and approved. In the event the property is to be sold, leased, rented or occupied by any person or corporation other than yourself, it is incumbent that you advise them regarding the conditions and/or limitations of this grant.

## VIOLATIONS OF THESE CONDITIONS

Violations of conditions required by this determination may constitute a misdemeanor or infraction under section 1.20.010 of the Glendale Municipal Code (GMC) and/or a violation of other local, State or Federal laws or regulations. Unless a specific penalty is provided, any person convicted of a misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment. Infractions are punishable by a fine not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation.

Violations of conditions required by this determination may be grounds for a revocation.

## REVOCAION

Section 30.64.020 – Revocation – The Community Development Department shall have continuing jurisdiction over variances, conditional use permits, administrative exceptions and wireless telecommunications facilities. To consider the revocation, the Director of Community Development shall hold a public hearing after giving notice by the same procedure as for consideration of a variance at least 10 days notice by mail to the applicant or permittee.

## NOTICE – SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH THIS OFFICE

The Applicant is further advised that all subsequent contacts with this office regarding this determination must be with the Case Planner first and then, the Hearing Officer who acted on this case. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished **by appointment only** (in order to assure customer service with a minimum amount of waiting). You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the case planner, Kathy Duarte during normal business hours at her direct line (818) 937-8163 or office line (818) 548-2115 or [kduarte@glendaleca.gov](mailto:kduarte@glendaleca.gov).

Sincerely,

PHILIP LANZAFAME

Director of Community Development



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Planning Hearing Officer

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