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**RE: 619 THOMPSON AVENUE
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES PWTF2209992
(VERIZON)**

Dear Ms. Martin:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code Chapter 30.48.020 for a Wireless Telecommunications Facility (WTF) permit, the Community Development Department has processed your application for the renewal and continued operation of an existing wireless telecommunications facility with no proposed modifications being made to the existing facility located at **619 Thompson Avenue** in the "IND" – Industrial Zone, described as a Portion of Lot 78, Tract No. 8132 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 pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the project involves continuation of use without any modifications or expansion of existing wireless telecommunications facility.

Note: Pursuant to Section 704(a), Title 7 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, only the Federal Government may regulate the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions from wireless telecommunications facilities.

REQUIRED/MANDATED FINDINGS

After considering the evidence presented with respect to this application, the plans submitted therewith, the Director of Community Development has **APPROVED 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 existing wireless telecommunications facility is designed to achieve compatibility with the community. The applicant is proposing to renew an existing wireless telecommunications permit for the continued operation of an existing facility with no proposed changes. The subject wireless telecommunication facility is located along Cosmic Way on an 875 square-foot lot at the northeast corner of Cosmic Way and Thompson Avenue. The facility is adjacent to an existing building currently occupied by a clothing manufacturer and surrounded by other industrial uses such as storage facilities, warehouses, and factories to the north, east, and west. To the south of the project site is the Interstate 5 freeway, which minimizes visibility of the wireless facility from the nearest residential dwellings that are approximately 388 feet away from the facility.

On September 12, 1995, the Zoning Hearing Officer approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Case No. 9420-CU with conditions to establish an unmanned, privately operated cellular telephone transmission facility. In conjunction with this CUP approval, Standards Variance Case No. 9421-S was approved with conditions to permit a 73-foot high monopole and antenna with a six-foot high chain link fence and a four-foot wide gate proposed in the street setback area. The existing wireless facility has been in operation for 28 years, and the current request is a renewal to allow the continued operation of an existing facility. On August 3, 2006, the Zoning Hearing Officer approved CUP Case No. PCUP 2005-049 with conditions to allow the continued operation of the existing wireless telecommunications facility to include co-located panels on an existing monopole and the addition of two equipment cabinets within an existing fenced area. This approval was valid for five years and expired in 2011 and was subsequently renewed. In 2010, a new Wireless Telecommunications Facility ordinance was adopted, and classifications were given to different types of antennas. This facility was classified as a Class 2 antenna and on June 28, 2011, the Director of Community Development approved Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Case No. PWTF 2011-002 with conditions to allow the continued operation of the existing facility. The existing facility has undergone numerous antenna and equipment modifications by different telecommunication providers since it was first established in 1995. The facility currently has equipment and antennas from Sprint Mobile and Verizon Wireless. Sprint's antennas are located at the top of the monopole and the Verizon antennas are directly below the Sprint antennas. The ground equipment consists of a mixture of both Sprint and Verizon cabinets, breakers, generators, and cable trays. The most recent modification was approved in 2019 under Design Review Exemption Case No. PDREXEM 1917611 to allow the removal of existing equipment and the installation of 12 new antennas and new ground equipment, such as equipment cabinet and generators. The existing installation consists of the following:

Existing Verizon Equipment:

- Six Verizon SBNHH-1D65C antennas (one per sector)
- Three FR70-12-000AL2 antennas (one per sector)
- Six Verizon Remote Radio Units (RRUs) (two per sector)
- Three 8843 Rev 2 RRUs (one per sector)
- Six Verizon Equipment Cabinets
- One Verizon Generator

Existing Sprint Equipment:

- Three Airscale Sprint Antennas (one per sector)
- Three APXVSP18-C-A20 antennas (one per sector)
- Three AAHC Antennas (one per sector)
- Six D844H90E-XY Antennas (two per sector)
- Three MMO Mounting Brackets (one per sector)
- Three antenna pipe masts (one per sector)
- Six 1900 MHZ RRHs (two per sector)
- Three 800 MHZ RRH (two per sector)
- Three Sector Mounts (one per sector)
- One Sprint Microwave Dish
- One hybrid cable
- One Junction Box
- One Airscale BBU Cabinet
- One ALU 9712 Cabinet
- One 60A breaker
- One Ice Bridge
- One Cable Tray

In total, the facility currently houses eighteen (18) antennas, nine remote radio heads, and three sector mounts for Sprint at the top of the monopole: for Verizon, nine antennas and nine remote radio units just beneath the Sprint equipment. Ground level equipment are located within an existing equipment shelter, which is currently screened. The existing design is compatible with the surrounding industrial uses and has not caused any adverse impacts to the community. With no proposed changes, the facility will maintain compatibility with the community.

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

Alternative configurations will not increase community compatibility and are not reasonably feasible, as the facility is existing, fully functional, and has been in operation without incidents or complaints on record for the past 28 years. The existing configuration effectively mounts six antenna sectors onto the existing monopole that is enclosed by a metal chain-link fence and its associated equipment (eight equipment cabinets, one generator, and one breaker) that are enclosed by a

wrought iron fence located on the southwestern portion of the lot that prevents trespassers from entering the facility. Alternative configurations would reduce the functionality of the wireless facility and possibly create new visual obstructions. Overall, maintaining the existing configuration appears to be the most compatible.

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

Alternative locations on the site are not reasonably feasible and will not increase community compatibility, as the wireless telecommunications facility is located on an existing site surrounded by industrial uses. Most importantly, the proposal entails the renewal of a wireless telecommunications permit and there are no modifications being proposed at this time. The existing location of the monopole and the associated equipment effectively maintain radio frequency range and minimize frequency interference. The location fills a gap in coverage with as little impact as possible on the existing building and the surrounding neighborhood. As the application request does not propose any changes to the existing facility, relocating it elsewhere on the subject site would not be reasonably feasible.

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

Locating the facility on alternative sites will not increase community compatibility and is not reasonably feasible, as the proposal is to allow the continued operation of an existing wireless facility without changing or expanding its physical layout. The wireless carrier has a network of facilities, with each facility designed to cover a particular area. Locating the facility on an alternative site will cause significant connectivity issues and loss of cellular coverage within the carrier's targeted area. In addition, relocating to an alternate site would create an additional facility, which would not be more compatible with the community than maintaining the existing facility. Identifying a new site or relocating to an alternative site would not be reasonably feasible and will not increase community compatibility.

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

The existing facility is necessary to close a significant gap in coverage and must continue operating to maintain the coverage within the immediate area and provide effective cellular service to the surrounding neighborhood. The City's Wireless Systems Administrator has reviewed the application materials and maps and concurred that this site and the subject wireless facility are necessary to maintain existing 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.**

The applicant has submitted a statement of their willingness to allow other carriers to co-locate on the site, wherever technically and economically feasible and aesthetically desired, as required in Glendale Municipal Code Section 30.40.020(H)(1)(i).

- 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 facility. The existing equipment and facility have not been reported to cause any noise issues within the neighborhood. The existing equipment to remain will not emit any noise decibels more than 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 has provided an engineering certification demonstrating planned compliance with all existing federal radio frequency emission standards and has provided self-certification that the facility complies with any other federal and state laws that may apply to this facility.

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 Director of Community Development.
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 (e.g., 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.
8. That any equipment service lighting shall be directed into the work area and shielded away from adjacent properties.
9. That existing color of all exterior antennas and equipment, including cables and supports, shall be maintained and consistent with that of the existing monopole.
10. That the project shall comply with any conditions specified in the Radio Frequency-Electromagnetic Energy Compliance Report to bring the site into compliance with FCC rules and regulations.
11. That the premises be maintained in a clean and orderly condition, free of weeds, trash, and graffiti.
12. That all equipment cabinets shall display a legible sign clearly identifying the addresses, email contact information, and 24-hour local or toll-free contact telephone numbers for both the permittee and the agent responsible for the maintenance of the wireless telecommunications facility. Such information shall be updated in the event of a change in the permittee, the agent responsible for maintenance of the wireless telecommunications facility, or both.
13. That upon assignment or transfer of an authorization to operate a wireless telecommunications facility or any of the rights under said authorization, the owner or operator shall, within 30 days, provide written notice to the Director of Community Development of the date of transfer and the identity of the transferee.
14. That public access to a wireless telecommunications facility shall be restricted. Security measures shall include fencing, screening, and security signage, as deemed appropriate by the Director of Community Development
15. That the authorization granted herein shall be valid for a period of **TEN (10) YEARS UNTIL March 7, 2033**, until at which time, a reapplication must be made prior to the expiration date.

APPEAL PERIOD

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.

Under the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.88, and the City of Glendale's CEQA Guidelines, any person affected by the above decision has the right to appeal said decision to the City Council 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 application within fifteen (15) days following the actual date of the decision. Information regarding appeals will be provided by the Community Development Department (CDD) staff upon request by calling 818-548-2140. Any appeal must be filed online with the prescribed fee prior to expiration of the 15-day appeal period, on or before **March 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** All appeals must be filed using the City's online permitting and licensing portal, please visit www.GlendalePermits.org to submit the application.

APPEAL FORM is also available on-line:

<https://www.glendaleca.gov/home/showdocument?id=11926>

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 wireless telecommunications facilities at least ten (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, Deborah Hong via email at DHong@Glendaleca.gov or via phone at (818) 937-8159.

Sincerely,

Bradley Calvert
Director of Community Development



Erik Krause
Planning Hearing Officer

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