

Old Seward Oceanview Community Council
Resolution--Cell Tower Placement

A resolution endorsing the following updates and changes to Title 21 to facilitate clearer zoning and permitting of cellular towers and encourage industry to lean forward to newer and smaller, less obtrusive technology.

WHEREAS, the definition of 'small cell' is added as cell tower type 5 to AMC 21.45.265 (16) *Community and local interest towers*. "Small cell: An umbrella term for low-powered radio access nodes that operate in licensed spectrum and unlicensed carrier-grade Wi-Fi, with a range of 10 meters up to several hundred meters. These contrast with a typical mobile macrocell that might have a range of up to several tens of kilometers referred to as Type 1-4. The term covers femtocells, picocells, microcells and metrocells."; and

WHEREAS, AMC 21.45.265 (16)(b) *The minimum separation distance as measured from any principal structure built on any protected land use to the base of the tower shall be 200 percent of the allowable tower height* remain in effect for all tower types 1-4; and

WHEREAS, AMC 21.45.265 (16)(b) *The minimum separation distance as measured from any principal structure built on any protected land use to the base of the tower shall be 150 percent of the allowable tower height* remain in effect for all small cell tower types, type 5 towers; and

WHEREAS, all residents not just property owners are notified about public hearings in accordance with AMC 21.50.280; and

WHEREAS, the term and criteria for abandoned tower is added to Title 21; and

WHEREAS, AMC 21.45.265(A)(12) update Industry is required to self report new or abandoned towers to planning staff quarterly; and

WHEREAS, Industry will remove all abandoned towers within 6 months (180 days); and

WHEREAS, we support our local officials to properly apply the protections afforded in the Federal Telecommunications Act 47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7), which continues to give local government some authority to ensure the telecommunication companies comply with local zoning concerns for safety issues of height and set-back requirements, as well as local aesthetics.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE OLD SEWARD OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO ENDORSE THE INCLUSION OF THE AFORE MENTIONED INTO THE TITLE 21

CHANGES FOR AMC 21.50.280 CONDITIONAL USE STANDARDS-ANTENNAS, COMMUNITY AND LOCAL INTEREST TOWERS, AMC 21.24.265 COMMUNITY AND LOCAL INTEREST TOWERS

RESOLUTION _____ AND CERTIFIED ON OCTOBER _____, 2015 BY VOTE OF MEMBERS. _____ MEMBERS PRESENT; _____ IN FAVOR, _____ IN OPPOSED, _____ ABSTENTIONS

APPROVED:_____ CC President_____