

Attachment A – Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Wireless Communication Policies

UT-8. Design, construct, and maintain facilities to minimize their impact on surrounding neighborhoods.

UT-50. Encourage widespread, affordable, high-speed internet access, including access to competing telecommunications services and new forms of technology to provide the community with choice and to facilitate innovation.

UT-51. Maintain Bellevue’s competitive advantage and attraction as a highly connected community.

UT-52. Assess the coverage and quality of residential and business access to internet and telecommunication services and explore opportunities to enhance service to areas of need.

UT-53. Ensure a permitting process that achieves a balance between encouraging deployment of advanced highspeed telecommunications infrastructure and protecting neighborhood character.

UT-54. Facilitate coordination between telecommunications providers as a key consideration in city street right of way infrastructure projects to ensure opportunities to install facilities in common trenches.

UT-55. Limit the amount of disturbance to city infrastructure by encouraging co-location of telecommunications conduit in the public right-of-way.

UT-56. Inform telecommunications companies authorized to provide services within Bellevue about the schedule for capital projects and opportunities to install telecommunications infrastructure.

UT-61. Allow new aerial telecommunication lines on existingsystems provided that they shall be designed to address visual impacts and are required to be placed underground at the time of undergrounding electrical distribution lines.

UT-64. Require the reasonable screening and/or architecturally compatible integration of all new utility and telecommunication facilities.

UT-65. Protect Bellevue’s aesthetic quality and infrastructure investment from unnecessary degradation caused by the construction of telecommunication infrastructure.

UT-79. Require the placement and design of wireless communication facilities in a manner that minimizes the adverse impacts on adjacent land uses.

UT-80. Require permit applicants to submit an area wide plan that demonstrates the lowest land use impacts consistent with telecommunication customer needs.

UT-81. Allow exchanges (“swaps”) between providers of permitted wireless communication facilities sites, to encourage industry cooperation and coordination.

UT-82. Require wireless equipment constructed in public rights of way in residential areas to be under 30 inches high.

UT-83. Recognize that wireless communication facilities will be deployed in all areas of the city to provide coverage and capacity consistent with the changing use of wireless technology. Minimize the attendant impacts, particularly the visual impacts of, wireless communication facility towers, lattice

towers and structures by utilizing criteria for the design and location of such facilities that appropriately balance the need for wireless services and the impacts of the necessary facilities.

UT-84. Minimize visual impacts of wireless communication facilities by encouraging deployment in land use districts in the following preferred and descending order when possible, considering the provider's coverage needs:

1. Nonresidential land use districts, except Transition Areas;
2. Transition Areas;
3. Multifamily (R-20 and R-30) districts; and
4. Park sites and Residential districts.

UT-85. Minimize visual impacts of wireless communication facilities by encouraging system designs in the following preferred and descending order:

1. Attached to public facility structures, building mounted, or integrated with utility poles, light standards, and signal supports;
2. Co-located on utility poles, light standards, signal supports; and
3. Free standing towers.

UT-86. Require timely removal of abandoned facilities that are visually intrusive whenever facilities are replaced or upgraded.

UT-87. Encourage wireless equipment to be installed in a manner compatible with other utility functions.

UT-88. For infrastructure opportunities on city property, other than street rights-of-way, encourage the use of appropriate city owned properties for lease to install wireless communications equipment that is compatible with existing city uses of the sites and consistent with land use requirements.

UT-89. Encourage the co-location of telecommunications equipment on city sites that reduce total impact of antennas on the community.

UT-90. Periodically review and update wireless facility regulations to respond to changes in technology and community conditions to balance impacts with the need for service.