



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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## CHANGES TO REGULATIONS ON WIRELESS FACILITIES BEING CONSIDERED AT PLANNING COMMISSION


**Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

Monterey, CA. – The City Planning Commission will be considering an update to the City ordinance starting on April 26, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The City of Monterey has regulated wireless facilities that provide wireless communications (e.g., cellular) service for many years. City ordinances have been updated periodically as technology and federal regulations have changed. The last significant update was in 2016.

Wireless services continue to evolve. The days of larger facilities disguised in flag poles, faux trees, and on top of buildings are dwindling and being replaced by smaller facilities. These larger sites may be maintained, and antennas replaced as needed. However, newer technology provides service in smaller networks. Many of the major wireless service providers are looking towards pole-mounted facilities on existing or new telephone poles in the right of way. There will be considerably more facilities as the new technology is installed, and city governments largely are unable to prohibit and regulate the installation of these facilities due to federal law.

“The federal government has the sole jurisdiction to regulate wireless technology; cities can only regulate the aesthetics of facilities and confirm conformance with federal radio frequency standards,” said Kimberly Cole, Community Development Director.

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The proposed ordinance requires use permits for all facilities that will include noticed public hearings. Members of the public are encouraged to learn more about wireless facilities at the Planning Commission public hearing on April 26, 2022.

*The agenda will be posted within 24 hours in advance at [isearchmonterey.org](https://monterey.org). More information is available at*

*[https://monterey.org/city\\_hall/community\\_development/planning/topics\\_in\\_focus/wireless.php](https://monterey.org/city_hall/community_development/planning/topics_in_focus/wireless.php)*

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