

Department of Community and Economic Development
Planning Division
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY/CODE INTERPRETATION

**ADMINISTRATIVE
POLICY/CODE**

INTERPRETATION #: CI-65

**MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTIONS:**

4-4-140.E.5

REFERENCE:

Federal Register / Vol. 80, No. 5 / Thursday, January 8, 2015 / Rules and Regulations

SUBJECT:

Time Review Period for Minor Alterations

BACKGROUND:

Federal legislation enacted in 2012 requires local governments to review and approve applications for “minor alterations” of certain wireless communication facilities. However, the legislation lacked critical details and definitions, including a specific time review period for minor alterations.

The January 8, 2015 publication of the Federal Register (Vol. 80, No. 5) clarified that “the [Federal Communications] Commission establishes a specific and absolute timeframe for State and local processing of eligible facilities requests under section 6409(a). The Commission finds that a 60-day period for review, including review to determine whether an application is complete, is appropriate.”

JUSTIFICATION:

Federal Authority

DECISION:

Applications for “minor alterations” of existing wireless communication towers, as defined in RMC 4-4-140.E, shall be reviewed within 60-days, including review to determine whether an application is complete.

**ADMINISTRATOR
APPROVAL:**

C. E. “Chip” Vincent

DATE:

March 16, 2015

**APPEAL
PROCESS:**

To appeal this determination, a written appeal--accompanied by the required filing fee--must be filed with the City's Hearing Examiner (1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057, 425-430-6515) no more than 14 days from the date of this decision. Your submittal should explain the basis for the appeal. Section 4-8-110 of the Renton Municipal Code provides further information on the appeal process.

**CODE
AMENDMENTS
NEEDED TO
IMPLEMENT**

DETERMINATIONS:

4-4-140.E.5:

Review Time Period: Requests for minor alterations, as described in this subsection, shall be reviewed for completeness, and approval or denial, within ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) days.

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