

Chapter 904
Small Cell Facilities and Wireless Support Structures within the Right-of-Way
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904.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT

(A) The purpose of this chapter is to establish general procedures and standards, consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and local, for the siting, construction, installation, collocation, modification, operation, and removal of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way.

(B) The intent of this chapter is to:

- (1) In conjunction with Chapter 902, to establish basic criteria for applications to locate small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way and authorize the City Engineer or his or her designee to develop, publish, and from time to time amend applications and other associated materials to provide clear guidance to applicants;
- (2) Ensure that small cell facilities and wireless support structures are carefully designed, constructed, modified, maintained, and removed when no longer in use in conformance with all applicable health and safety regulations;
- (3) Preserve the character of the City of North Olmsted by minimizing the potentially adverse visual impact of small cell facilities and wireless support structures through careful design, siting, landscaping and camouflaging techniques to blend these facilities into their environment to the maximum extent practicable;
- (4) Enhance the ability of wireless communications carriers to deploy small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the city quickly, effectively, and efficiently so that residents, businesses, and visitors benefit from robust wireless service availability;
- (5) Establish an application process and structure for payment of fees and charges to be uniformly applied to all applicants, operators and owners of small cell facilities and wireless support structures for such facilities;
- (6) Comply with, and not conflict with or preempt, all applicable state and federal laws, including without limitation Section 101(a) and Section 704 of the Telecommunications Act, Pub. L. 104-104, 101 Stats. 56, 70 (Feb. 8, 1996) (codified as 47 U.S.C. §§ 253(a), 332(c)(7)), as may be amended or superseded, and Section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, Pub. L. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (Feb. 22, 2012) (codified as 47 U.S.C. § 1455(a)), as may be amended or superseded, and all FCC rules and regulations to interpret and implement applicable federal statutes.

904.02 APPLICABILITY

(A) Subject to the Ohio Revised Code and approval of an application under this chapter, an operator may collocate a small cell facility and construct, maintain, modify, operate, or replace

wireless support structures in, along, across, upon, and under the city right-of-way.

- (1) An operator shall comply with generally applicable standards that are consistent with this chapter and adopted by the city for construction and public safety in the right-of-way.
- (2) All structures and facilities shall be constructed and maintained so as not to impede or impair public safety or the legal use of the right-of-way by the city, the traveling public, or other public utilities.

(B) Exclusions.

- (1) *Amateur radio facilities.* This chapter shall not govern the installation of any amateur radio facility that is owned or operated by a federally licensed amateur radio station operator or is used exclusively for receive-only antennas.
- (2) *Certain over-the-air receiving devices (OTARD).* This chapter shall not govern the installation of any OTARD antennas covered under FCC regulations codified in 47 C.F.R. §§1.4000 et seq., as may be amended or superseded. OTARD antennas include, without limitation, direct-to-home satellite dish antennas less than one meter in diameter, television antennas and wireless cable antennas.
- (3) *Handsets and user equipment.* This chapter shall not govern the use of personal wireless devices (e.g., cell phones) or other consumer-grade mobile user equipment used in the right-of-way.

(C) The permitting procedures and authorizations set forth herein shall apply only to the placement of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way, and do not authorize the construction and operation of a wireline backhaul facility, which continue to be governed by Chapter 902 (Right-of-Way Management) of the Codified Ordinances.

(D) This chapter shall supersede all conflicting requirements of other titles and chapters of this Code regarding the locating and permitting of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way. This chapter shall be interpreted to supplement regulations set forth in Chapter 902.

(E) Nothing in this chapter precludes the city from applying its generally applicable health, safety, and welfare regulations when granting consent for a small cell facility or wireless support structure.

904.03 DEFINITIONS

(A) General use of terms.

- (1) The terms, phrases, words, and their derivations used in this Chapter shall have the meanings given in this section.
- (2) When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense also include the future tense; words in the plural number include the singular number; and words in the singular number include the plural number.
- (3) All terms used in the definition of any other term shall have their meaning as otherwise defined in this section.
- (4) The words "shall" and "will" are mandatory and "may" is permissive.

(5) Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

(B) Defined terms.

ABANDONED. Small cell facilities or wireless support structures that are unused for a period of 365 days without the operator otherwise notifying the city and receiving the city's approval.

AFFILIATE. When used in relation to any person, means another person who owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, such person.

AGENT. A person that provides the city written authorization to work on behalf of a public utility.

ANTENNA. Any transmitting or receiving device used in communications that radiate or capture electromagnetic waves, digital signals, analog signals, radio frequencies, wireless communications signals, or other communication signals.

APPLICANT. Any person that submits an application to the city to site, install, construct, collocate, modify, and/or operate a small cell facility or wireless support structure in the right-of-way according to the requirements of this chapter.

CABLE OPERATOR. Any person or group of persons:

- (1) who provides cable service over a cable system and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in such cable system, or
- (2) who otherwise controls or is responsible for, through any arrangement, the management and operation of such a cable system;

CABLE SERVICE.

- (1) The one-way transmission to subscribers of video programming, or other programming service; and
- (2) Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection of such video programming or other programming service.

CABLE FRANCHISE. An initial authorization, or renewal thereof (including a renewal of an authorization which has been granted subject to 47 U.S.C. 522 Section 546), issued by a franchising authority, whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, agreement, or otherwise, which authorizes the construction or operation of a cable system.

CLEAR ZONE. The unobstructed, traversable area provided beyond the edge of the through traveled way for the recovery of errant vehicles. The clear zone includes shoulders, bike lanes, and auxiliary lanes, except those auxiliary lanes that function like through lanes. As defined in the ODOT Location and Design Manual, Volume 1, Section 600—Roadside Design.

COLLOCATION or COLLOCATE. To install, mount, maintain, modify, operate, or replace small cell facilities on an existing publicly-owned wireless support structure.

DECORATIVE POLE. A pole, arch, or structure other than a street light pole placed in the public way specifically designed and placed for aesthetic purposes and on which no appurtenances or attachments have been placed except for electric lighting, specially designed informational or directional signage or temporary holiday or special event attachments.

ELIGIBLE FACILITIES REQUEST. Means the same as defined by the FCC in 47 U.S.C. 1455 (a)(2), as may be amended, which defines that term as any request for modification of an existing support structure that does not substantially change the physical dimensions of such support structure, involving:

- (1) Collocation of new small cell facilities;
- (2) Removal of small cell facilities; or
- (3) Replacement of small cell facilities.

FRANCHISE AUTHORITY. See **CABLE FRANCHISE.**

FCC. The U.S. Federal Communications Commission and any legally appointed, designated, or elected agent or successor.

HISTORIC DISTRICT and LANDMARKS. That portion of the city designated by the Landmarks Commission as a Historic District or as a City Landmark and as defined by Chapter 165 of the codified ordinances, including such landmarks recognized by State and Federal law.

MICRO WIRELESS FACILITY. A small cell facility that is not more than twenty-four inches in length, fifteen inches in width, and twelve inches in height and that does not have an exterior antenna more than eleven inches in length suspended on cable strung between wireless support structures.

OHIO MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES or OMUTCD. The uniform system of traffic control devices promulgated by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

OCCUPY OR USE. With respect to the right-of-way, to place a tangible thing in the right-of-way for any purpose, including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, positioning, maintaining, or operating lines, poles, pipes, conduits, ducts, equipment, or other structures, appurtenances, or facilities necessary for the delivery of public utility services or any services provided by a cable operator.

PERSON. Any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or other legal entity, private or public, whether for profit or not-for-profit.

PUBLIC UTILITY or UTILITY. A facilities-based provider of wireless service to one or more end users in this state, or any company described in section 4905.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and as further defined in section 4905.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to the following types of companies: telephone, electric light, gas, natural gas, pipe-lines, water-works, and sewage disposal systems.

RIGHT-OF-WAY OCCUPANCY FEE. A fee levied to recover the costs incurred by the city and associated with the occupancy or use of right-of-way.

RIGHT-OF-WAY. The surface of and the space above and below the paved or unpaved portions of any public street, public road, public highway, public freeway, public lane, public path, public bike path, public way, public alley, public court, public sidewalk, public boulevard, public parkway, public drive and any other land dedicated or otherwise designated for the same now or hereafter held by the city which shall, within its proper use and meaning in the sole opinion of the City Engineer, entitle a permittee, in accordance with the terms hereof and of any right-of-way permit, to the use thereof for the purpose of installing or operating any poles, wires, cables, transformers, conductors, ducts, lines, mains, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, attachments or other property or facilities as may be ordinarily necessary and pertinent to the provision of utility, cable television, communications or other services as set forth in any service agreement or any right-of-way permit. **RIGHT-OF-WAY** shall not include private easements or public property, except to the extent the use or occupation of public property is specifically granted

in a right-of-way permit or by administrative regulation.

RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT, SMALL CELL. Means a small cell facility or wireless support structure right-of-way occupancy permit as further defined in Section 904.04.

SMALL CELL DESIGN GUIDELINES. Means those detailed design guidelines, specifications and examples promulgated by the City Engineer for the design and installation of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way, which are effective insofar as they do not conflict with federal and state law, rule and regulations.

SMALL CELL FACILITY. A wireless facility that meets both of the following requirements:

- (1) Each antenna is located inside an enclosure of not more than six cubic feet in volume or, in the case of an antenna that has exposed elements, the antenna and all of its exposed elements could fit within an enclosure of not more than six cubic feet in volume.
- (2) All other wireless equipment associated with the facility is cumulatively not more than twenty-eight cubic feet in volume. The calculation of equipment volume shall not include electric meters, concealment elements, telecommunications demarcation boxes, grounding equipment, power transfer switches, cut-off switches, and vertical cable runs for the connection of power and other services.

SMALL CELL FACILITY OPERATOR or OPERATOR. A wireless service provider, or its designated agent, or cable operator, or its designated agent, or a video service provider, or its designated agent that operates a small cell facility and provides wireless service as defined herein. For the purpose of this chapter, "operator" includes a wireless service provider, cable operator, or a video service provider that provides information services as defined in the "Telecommunications Act of 1996," 110 Stat. 59, 47 U.S.C. 153(20), and services that are fixed in nature or use unlicensed spectrum.

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE OR MODIFICATION. A modification substantially changes the physical dimensions of an eligible support structure if it meets any of the following criteria:

- (1) It increases the height of the structure by more than 10% or more than ten feet, whichever is greater;
 - (a) Changes in height should be measured from the original support structure in cases where deployments are or will be separated horizontally, such as on buildings' rooftops; in other circumstances, changes in height should be measured from the dimensions of the wireless support structure, inclusive of originally approved appurtenances and any modifications that were approved prior to the passage of the Spectrum Act. ("Spectrum Act" at Section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Public Law 112-96. See also, F.C.C. 14-153, effective 4/8/15 and Section 704 of the Telecommunication Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104).
- (2) It involves adding an appurtenance to the body of the wireless support structure that would protrude from the edge of the structure by more than six feet;
- (3) It involves installation of more than the standard number of new equipment cabinets for the technology involved, but not to exceed four cabinets; or, for wireless support structures in the public rights-of-way, it involves installation of any new equipment cabinets on the ground if there are no pre-existing ground cabinets associated with the structure, or else involves installation of ground cabinets that are more than 10% larger in height or overall volume than any other ground cabinets associated with the structure;

- (4) It involves collocation upon an eligible support structure that serves as a traffic signal pole;
- (5) It entails any excavation or deployment outside the current site;
- (6) It would defeat the concealment elements of the eligible support structure; or
- (7) It does not comply with conditions associated with the siting approval of the construction or modification of the eligible support structure, provided however that this limitation does not apply to any modification that is non-compliant only in a manner that would not exceed the thresholds identified in (1) through (4) of this definition.

TOLLING or TOLL PERIOD. The pausing or delaying of the running of a required time period.

UTILITY POLE. A structure that is designed for, or used for the purpose of, carrying lines, cables, or wires for electric or telecommunications service. "Utility pole" excludes street signs and decorative poles.

VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER. A person granted a video service authorization under sections 1332.21 to 1332.34 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WIRELESS FACILITY.

- (1) Equipment at a fixed location that enables wireless communications between user equipment and a communications network, including all of the following:
 - (a) Equipment associated with wireless communications;
 - (b) Radio transceivers, antennas, coaxial or fiber-optic cable, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable equipment, regardless of technological configuration.
- (2) The term includes small cell facilities.
- (3) The term does not include any of the following:
 - (a) The structure or improvements on, under, or within which the equipment is collocated;
 - (b) Coaxial or fiber-optic cable that is between wireless support structures or utility poles or that is otherwise not immediately adjacent to or directly associated with a particular antenna.

WIRELESS SERVICE. Any services using licensed or unlicensed wireless spectrum, whether at a fixed location or mobile, provided to the public using wireless facilities.

WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER. A person who provides wireless service as defined herein.

WIRELESS SUPPORT STRUCTURE. A pole, street light pole, traffic signal pole, a fifteen-foot or taller sign pole, or utility pole capable of supporting small cell facilities, excluding utility poles or other facilities used to supply traction power to public transit systems.

WIRELINE BACKHAUL FACILITY. A facility used for the transport of communications service or any other electronic communications by coaxial, fiber-optic cable, or any other wire.

904.04 APPLICATION REQUIRED

(A) *General Requirements.* The following requirements shall apply to all small cell facilities and

wireless support structures proposed within the right-of-way.

- (1) No person shall occupy or use the right-of-way except in accordance with law.
- (2) In occupying or using the right-of-way, no person shall unreasonably compromise the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (3) No person shall occupy or use the right-of-way without first obtaining, under this Chapter or section 1332.24 or 4939.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, any requisite consent of the city.

(B) *Pre-Application Conference.*

- (1) *Purpose.* Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the city and request a pre-application conference. This meeting will provide an opportunity for early coordination regarding proposed small cell facilities and wireless support structure locations, design, and the application submittal, and the approval process in order to avoid any potential delays in the processing of an application and deployment of small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the city.
- (2) *Appointment Required.* An appointment is required for all pre-application conferences. Applicants must contact the City Engineer, who will provide applicants an appointment with all applicable city representatives in a timely manner.

(C) *Application Required.* Anyone seeking to site small cell facilities in the right-of-way shall first duly file a written application with the city, in accordance with the requirements in this section and additional requirements set forth in the Design Guidelines as modified from time to time by the City Engineer.

(D) *Categories of Applications.* In accordance with federal and state law, rule and regulation the city shall classify every application to locate small cell facilities in the right-of-way as one of the following types:

(1) *Eligible Facilities Request (Type I):*

- (a) Involves collocation, replacement, modification, or removal of small cell facilities on an existing publicly owned wireless support structure; and
- (b) Does not substantially change the physical dimensions of the existing wireless support structure.

(2) *Collocation with Substantial Modifications (Type II):*

- (a) Involves collocation, replacement or modification of small cell facilities on an existing publicly owned wireless support structure; and
- (b) Substantially changes the physical dimensions of the existing publicly owned wireless support structure.

(3) *Wireless Support Structure (Type III):*

- (a) Involves the construction, modification, or replacement of a wireless support structure owned or operation by a wireless provider associated with a small cell facility within the right-of-way.

(4) *Wireless Support Structure Removal (Type IV):*

- (a) Involves the removal of a wireless support structure and associated small cell facilities from within the right-of-way owned or previously operated by a wireless provider.
- (E) *Required Application Materials.* Unless otherwise required by state or federal law, all applicants shall submit to the city the following materials and information associated with each application type in order for the application to be considered complete:
- (1) Completed application form and fee as specified on the application.
 - (2) A scaled and dimensioned site plan (not smaller than one inch equals 50 feet) clearly indicating the following:
 - (a) Proposed location within the right-of-way including nearest cross street intersection(s);
 - (b) For adjacent parcel(s) perpendicular to the proposed small cell facility location, property ownership, including current ownership;
 - (c) All existing conditions within 100 feet of the proposed location, including but not limited to, buildings, utilities within the right-of-way and associated above grade structures, location of traffic signalization facilities or related sensors, location of electric service and fiber optic cable, all other underground and overhead utilities, small cell structures and facilities, sidewalks, back of adjacent curb/edge of pavement, driveways, and street trees.
 - (d) Dimensions shall be provided from the proposed small cell facility to existing wireless support structures and equipment, utility structures, back of curb/edges of pavement including driveways and sidewalks.
 - (e) Dimensions shall be provided between proposed wireless support structures and associated ground mounted equipment.
 - (f) Scaled and dimensioned elevations/profiles and sections (not smaller than 1 inch equals 5 feet) of existing wireless support structures and/or new wireless support structures clearly indicating the following, as applicable:
 - 1. Height from established grade at the base of the wireless support structure to the highest point of the wireless support structure and the height to the highest point of proposed antenna or antenna enclosures, as applicable (overall height).
 - 2. Height from established grade at the base of the wireless support structure to the lowest point of all proposed small cell equipment to be installed on the wireless support structure.
 - 3. The distance from the outer edge of the wireless support structure parallel to the outer edge of all equipment associated with the small cell facility to be installed on the support structure.
 - (g) Scaled and dimensioned details of proposed small cell facilities, including elevations/profiles, plans and sections (not smaller than 1 inch equals 5 feet) clearly indicating the following, as applicable:
 - 1. Height, width, depth and volume in cubic feet of all proposed antenna and exposed elements and/or proposed antenna enclosures.
 - 2. Height, width, depth and volume of all other wireless equipment associated with the facility, with all electric meters, concealment elements, telecommunications demarcation boxes, grounding equipment, power transfer switches, cut-off switches,

and vertical cable runs for the connection of power and other services clearly labeled.

3. Method of installation/connection to pole or ground, as applicable, including proximity to traffic signalization or sensor equipment, and disconnection, if any.
4. Color specifications for all small cell support structures and associated exposed equipment, cabinets and concealment elements.
5. Electrical plans and wiring diagrams
6. Footing and foundation drawings and structural analysis sealed and signed by a professional engineer in the State of Ohio

- (h) Manufacturer's specification sheets for all small cell facility equipment proposed, including poles, equipment cabinets, shrouds, or concealment devices, antennas, meters, radios, switches, telecommunications demarcation boxes, and grounding equipment.

(F) *Required Application Materials for Small Cell Facility and Wireless Support Structure Removal.* For applications involving the removal of small cell facilities and/or wireless support structures, the following materials and information shall be provided:

- (1) Completed application form and fee as specified on the application.
- (2) A scaled and dimensioned site plan (not smaller than one inch equals 20 feet) clearly indicating the following:
 - (a) Proposed location within the right-of-way including nearest cross street intersection;
 - (b) Adjacent parcel(s) perpendicular to the existing small cell facility location property ownership, including current ownership.
- (3) Scaled and dimensioned site and/or structure remediation details in accordance with Small Cell Design Guidelines requirements (not smaller than 1 inch equals 4 feet) clearly indicating the following:
 - (a) Proposed remediation plan for modifications made to city-owned wireless support structures and other areas of the right-of-way associated with collocation of small cell wireless facilities and ground mounted equipment after the removal of these facilities.
 - (b) Proposed restoration of electric and fiber optic connections after removal of small cell facilities, as applicable.

(G) *City Engineer's Authority to Specify Required Application Materials.* The City Engineer may, in connection with pre-conference review or upon application submission, administratively determine what, if any, plans or diagrams are necessary to satisfy application requirements. The City Engineer is authorized to reasonably interpret and apply codified requirements, and to exercise discretionary authority to establish forms and procedure for submission requirements.

904.05 APPLICATION REVIEW TIMEFRAMES AND PROCESS

(A) *Permit Application Review Timeframes.*

- (1) *Eligible Facilities Request (Type I).* The city shall process Eligible Facilities Requests in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, 47 C.F.R. 1.40001, and this Chapter 904, not later than 60 days after the date of filing of a completed application.
- (2) *Collocation with Substantial Modifications (Type II).* The city shall grant or deny its

consent for requests to collocate, or to replace or modify a small cell facility on an existing wireless support structure where substantial modifications are required to the wireless support structure not later than 90 days after the date of filing of a completed application.

(3) *New Wireless Support Structure (Type III)*. The city shall grant or deny its consent for requests to construct, modify, or replace a wireless support structure associated with a small cell facility not later than 120 days following the date of filing of a completed application.

(4) *Wireless Support Structure Removal (Type IV)*. The city shall grant or deny its consent for requests to remove wireless support structures associated with small cell facilities from the right-of-way not later than 30 days after the date of filing of a completed application.

(B) *Failure to grant or deny within prescribed timeframes*. If the city fails to approve or deny a request for consent under this section or a request for a relevant work permit within the required time period, provided the time period is not tolled under Section 904.05(F), the request shall be deemed granted upon the requesting entity providing notice to the city that the time period for acting on the request has lapsed.

(C) *Application denials*.

(1) The city shall not unreasonably withhold or deny consent for small cell facilities and wireless support structures within the right-of-way.

(2) If a request for consent is denied, the city shall provide in writing its reasons for denying the request, supported by substantial, competent evidence, and such information as the applicant may reasonably request to obtain consent. The denial of consent shall not unreasonably discriminate against the entity requesting the consent.

(3) Except in the case of a public utility subject to the jurisdiction and recognized on the rolls of the public utilities commission or of a cable operator possessing a valid franchise awarded pursuant to the "Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984," 98 Stat. 2779, 47 U.S.C.A. 541, the city, for good cause shown, may withhold, deny, or delay its consent to any person based upon the person's failure to possess the financial, technical, and managerial resources necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

(D) *Tolling of required timeframes*.

(1) The time periods required in Section 904.05(A) may be tolled only:

(a) By mutual agreement between the entity requesting consent and the city;

(b) In cases where the city determines that the application is incomplete; or

(c) If the number of requests for consent for small cell facilities or wireless support structures received is likely to result in difficulty processing applications within the time limits set forth in Section 904.05(A) due to the lack of resources of the city, then the city may toll the time limits as follows:

1. The time period may be tolled for up to 21 days for the first 15 small cell facility or wireless support structure requests received by the city above the thresholds provided in the Table below within any consecutive 30-day period:

City population at time Small Cell Facility or Wireless Support Structure applications are received:	Number of Applications:
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30,000 persons or less	15 applications or more
30,001 to 40,000 persons	20 applications or more

2. In no instance shall the city toll the time period for any small cell facility or wireless support structure request by more than 90 consecutive days. Upon request, the city shall provide an operator written notice of the time limit for a small cell facility or wireless support structure request.

- (2) To toll the time period for incompleteness, the city shall provide written notice to the person requesting consent not later than 30 days after receiving the request, clearly and specifically delineating all missing documents or information. The missing documents or information shall be reasonably related to determining whether the request meets the requirements of applicable federal and state law. Any notice of incompleteness requiring other information or documentation, including information of the type described herein and in accordance with state and federal law or documentation intended to illustrate the need for the request or to justify the business decision for the request, does not toll the time period.
- (3) The time period for granting or denying consent resumes when the entity makes a supplemental submission in response to the city's notice of incompleteness.
- (4) If a supplemental submission is inadequate, the city shall notify the entity not later than ten days after receiving the supplemental submission that the supplemental submission did not provide the information identified in the original notice delineating missing documents or information. The time period may be tolled in the case of second or subsequent notices under the procedures identified in this section. Second or subsequent notices of incompleteness may not specify missing documents or information that was not delineated in the original notice of incompleteness.

(E) Timeframe for completion of permit.

- (1) Permits granted for an Eligible Facilities Requests, Collocations with Substantial Modifications and New Wireless Support Structures shall be completed by the operator or its agent within 180 days after issuance of the permit, unless:
 - (a) The city and the operator agree to extend this period; or
 - (b) A delay is caused by make-ready work for a city-owned wireless support structure or decorative pole or by the lack of commercial power or backhaul availability at the site, provided that:
 - 1. The operator has made a timely request within 60 days after the issuance of the permit for commercial power or backhaul services; and
 - 2. The additional time to complete installation does not exceed 360 days after issuance of the permit.
- (2) If (1)(a) and (b) of this section cannot be met, the permit shall be void unless the city grants an extension in writing to the operator.

(F) Consolidated application for multiple small cell facilities and/or wireless support structures.

- (1) Applicants seeking to construct, modify, collocate, or replace more than one small cell facility or more than one wireless support structure may file at the applicants discretion, a consolidated application for up to 30 small cell facility requests or up to 30 wireless support structure requests in a single application and receive a single permit for the

construction, modification, collocation, or replacement of the small cell facilities or wireless support structures subject to the following:

- (a) This single application may be filed for multiple small cell facilities or multiple wireless support structures only if they are of substantially the same type.
 - (b) The city may separately address small cell facility collocations or wireless support structures for which incomplete information has been received or which are denied.
- (2) In the case of a consolidated application, the fees provided for in section 4939.0316 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 904.04 may be cumulative. However, the city, at its discretion may opt to reduce such fees in order to encourage consolidated application submittals.
 - (3) In the case of a consolidated application, each small cell facility or wireless support structure proposed to be constructed, modified, collocated on, or replaced shall constitute a separate request for consent for purposes of tolling the response deadline as authorized under section 4939.036 of the Ohio Revised Code. A request by a single operator for a new or replacement support structure and associated small cell facility constitutes one request.

(G) Small Cell and Wireless Support Structure activities not requiring consent.

- (1) City consent shall not be required for either of the following activities conducted in the right-of-way:
 - (a) Routine maintenance of wireless facilities;
 - (b) The replacement of wireless facilities with wireless facilities that are consistent with the city's current design requirements and guidelines and that are either:
 1. Substantially similar to the existing wireless facilities; or
 2. The same size or smaller than the existing wireless facilities.
- (2) The city may require approval by the City Engineer for any activity described in (F)(1) of this section and for any activity for which consent is authorized herein or pursuant to Chapter 902 and in accordance with state and federal law.

904.06 SMALL CELL DESIGN GUIDELINES

- (1) The City Engineer shall promulgate detailed Small Cell Design Guidelines with objective, technically feasible criteria applied in a non-discriminatory manner that reasonably match the aesthetics and character of the immediate area regarding all of the following, which the city shall consider in reviewing an application:
 - (a) The location of any ground-mounted small cell facilities;
 - (b) The location of a small cell facility on a wireless support structure;
 - (c) The appearance and concealment of small cell facilities, including those relating to materials used for arranging, screening, and landscaping;
 - (d) The design and appearance of a wireless support structure.
- (2) The Small Cell Design Guidelines will provide examples of acceptable small cell facilities including visual depictions.

- (3) The Small Cell Design Guidelines shall provide administrative and procedural guidance to applicants, such as a list of minimum application requirements.
- (4) The provisions in this section shall not limit or prohibit the City Engineer's discretion to promulgate and make publicly available other information, materials or requirements in addition to, and separate from, the Small Cell Design Guidelines which do not conflict with state or federal law.
- (5) The City Engineer shall have authority to update or supplement the Small Cell Design Guidelines to address relevant changes in law, technology, or administrative processes. In the event of any conflict between the Small Cell Design Guidelines and the standards articulated in this chapter of the North Olmsted Codified Ordinances, the language of this chapter takes precedence over the language of the Small Cell Design Guidelines.

904.07 STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PERMIT APPROVAL

- (A) *Standard conditions of approval.* Permission to site small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way shall be conditioned on compliance with the standard conditions of approval provided in this Section 904.07. The City Engineer or his or her designee may add or modify conditions of approval as necessary or appropriate to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (B) *Small Cell Facility Permit duration.* The city's approval term of an attachment to a wireless support structure shall be for a period of not less than ten years, with presumption of renewal for successive five-year terms, subject to terms providing for early termination or nonrenewal for cause or by mutual agreement and unless otherwise agreed to by both the operator and the city, except for generally applied permitting to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare. An operator may remove its small cell facilities at any time subject to applicable permit requirements and may stop paying annual charges or fees under Section 904.07(N).
- (C) *Compliance with all applicable laws.* Permittee shall at all times maintain compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, or other rules.
- (D) *Inspections; emergencies.* The city or its designee may inspect small cell facilities and wireless support structures in the right-of-way upon reasonable notice to the permittee. The permittee shall cooperate with all inspections. The city reserves the right to support, repair, disable, or remove any elements of the facility in emergencies or when the facility threatens imminent harm to persons or property.
- (E) *Relocation or adjustment as requested by city.* If requested by the city, in order to accomplish construction and maintenance activities directly related to improvements for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, an operator shall relocate or adjust its facilities within the right-of-way at no cost to the city, as long as such request similarly binds all users in or on such public way. Such relocation or adjustment shall be completed in accordance with local law.
- (F) *Contact information for responsible parties.* Permittee shall at all times maintain accurate contact information for all parties responsible for the facility, which shall include a phone number, street mailing address, and email address for at least one natural person. All such contact information for responsible parties shall be provided to the City Engineer and Director of Public Service.
- (G) *Indemnification.* Any operator who owns or operates small cell facilities or wireless support structures in the right-of-way shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold the city and its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers harmless against any and all claims,

lawsuits, judgments, costs, liens, losses, expenses, fees to include reasonable attorney fees and costs of defense, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including personal or bodily injury or death, property damage or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, to the extent that it is caused by the negligence of the operator who owns or operates small cell facilities and wireless service in the right-of-way, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, affiliate, or subcontractor of the operator, or their respective officers, agents, employees, directors, or representatives while installing, repairing, or maintaining facilities in the right- of-way.

- (H) *Interference with public safety radio services.* In the event that the city has reason to believe that permittee's radio communications operations are causing interference with the city's radio communications operations, then the permittee shall, at its cost, immediately cooperate with the city to either rule out permittee as the interference source or eliminate the interference. Cooperation with the city may include, but shall not be limited to, temporarily switching the small cell facilities on and off for testing.
- (I) *Adverse impacts on adjacent properties.* Permittee shall undertake all reasonable efforts to avoid undue adverse impacts to adjacent properties and/or uses that may arise from the construction, operation, maintenance, modification, or removal of the small cell facility and/or wireless support structure.
- (J) *Good condition required.* Small cell facilities and support structures shall at all times be kept and maintained in good condition, order, and repair by qualified maintenance and construction personnel, so that the same shall not menace or endanger the health, safety or welfare of any person or property.
- (K) *Graffiti abatement.* Permittee shall remove any graffiti on the small cell facility at permittee's sole expense.
- (L) *RF exposure compliance.* All facilities must comply with all standards and regulations of the FCC and any other state or federal government agency with the authority to regulate RF exposure standards.
- (M) *Relocation for public improvement projects.* Permittee shall remove and relocate the permitted small cell facility and/or support structure at permittee's sole expense to accommodate construction of a public improvement project by the City as required under this chapter.
- (N) *Removal of small cell facilities if use discontinued or abandoned.*
 - (1) In the event that the use of a small cell facility and/or wireless support structure is discontinued, the owner shall provide written notice to the city of its intent to discontinue use and the date when the use shall be discontinued. If the small cell facility and/or wireless support structure is not removed within 365 days of discontinued use, the small cell facility shall be considered abandoned and the city may remove it at the owner's expense.
 - (2) Small cell facilities and wireless support structures determined by the city to be abandoned without application notice from the owner may be removed by the city at the owner's expense to ensure the public health, safety and welfare.

904.08 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- (A) *Prevention of failures and accidents.* Any person who owns a small cell wireless facility sited in the right-of-way shall at all times employ ordinary and reasonable care and install and maintain in use nothing less than the best available technology for preventing failures and

accidents which are likely to cause damage, injury, or nuisance to the public.

- (B) *Compliance with fire safety and FCC regulations.* Small cell facilities, wires, cables, fixtures, and other equipment shall be installed and maintained in substantial compliance with the requirements of the National Electric Code, all FCC, state, and local regulations, and in such manner that will not interfere with the use of other property.
- (C) *Notification of Installation on Traffic Signal Pole.* After approval of any application for collocation of small cell facilities upon any wireless support structure which also serves as a traffic signal pole, any person so authorized shall notify the Division of Police and the Department of Public Service prior to commencement of any work in accordance with permitted work. Such notification shall include the date or dates that work is scheduled, shall indicate whether the traffic signalization or sensor equipment is scheduled to be disconnected and, if so, the duration of disconnection. It shall be unlawful for any person to disconnect traffic signalization unless or until authorized city officials or its authorized contractors are present and temporary traffic controls, uniformed police officers or flagmen. All costs shall be borne by Applicant pursuant to Section 904.09(D).
- (D) *Surety bond or equivalent financial tool for cost of removal.* All owners must procure and provide to the city a bond, or must provide proof of an equivalent financial mechanism, to ensure compliance with all provisions of this section. The bond or equivalent financial method must specifically cover the cost of removal of unused or abandoned small cell facilities or damage to city property caused by an operator or its agent of each small cell facility which the owner installs in the right-of-way in case the city has to remove or pay for removal of the wireless facility. Two acceptable alternatives to a bond include a funds set-aside and a letter of credit.

904.09 RECOVERY OF COSTS

- (A) *Application processing fee.* For processing an application for consent, the city may charge a fee for each small cell facility and wireless support structure requested as prescribed under section 4939.031 of the Ohio Revised Code and as listed on the associated application forms. The city may adjust this fee ten percent every five years, rounded to the nearest five dollars.
- (B) *Annual collocation fee.* For reimbursement for operator's attachment of small cell facilities to wireless support structures owned or operated by the city and located in the right-of-way, the city may charge an annual fee as prescribed under 4939.031 of the Ohio Revised Code and as listed on associated application forms. The city may adjust this fee ten percent every five years, rounded to the nearest five dollars.
- (C) *Tax liabilities and assessments not applicable.* Placement of small cell facilities in the right-of-way or attachment of small cell facilities to a wireless support structure and any fees associated therewith shall not subject a municipal corporation to any state or local tax liabilities or assessments.
- (D) *Traffic Signalization.* Reimbursement of costs, if any, incurred by the city with respect to personnel or contractor presence for disconnection, reconnection or any adjustment of traffic signalization or sensor equipment, including intersection closure costs, which are attributable to installation of small cell facilities upon a wireless support structure that contains traffic signalization.

904.10 SEVERABILITY

The provisions of any part of this chapter are severable. If any provision or subsection, or the application of any provision or subsection to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the

remaining provisions, subsection, and applications of such ordinance to other persons or circumstances shall not be made invalid as well. It is declared to be the intent of this section that the remaining provisions would have been adopted had such invalid provisions not been included in this chapter when originally adopted by Council.