



Executive Summary

Issue Title: Wireless Communication Facilities Code Update – Work Study
Meeting Date: January 8, 2019
Time Required: 1 hour
Attendees: Jim Bolger, Dave Ward, Darren Gurnee, Jeff Smith, Lisa Nickel, George Geyer, Jon Brand

Action requested at this meeting:
Work study only - No action requested.

Background

Wireless Communication Facilities (wireless facilities) are part of the infrastructure that serves wireless devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets). New rules established by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) affect the County's ability to review permit applications for wireless facilities. These new rules specifically affect:

- The County's deadlines to review and issue wireless facility permits. Exceeding the permit review times established by the FCC defaults to an approved permit status.
- Permits required to install wireless facilities on public land and small cell facilities on existing structures.

2018-2019 Wireless Communication Facility Code Update

The Department of Community Development and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office propose an update to Kitsap County Code regarding wireless facilities. The update will enable the County to stay consistent with new federal rules and to address changing wireless technology. The proposal (see Attachment 1 – Preliminary Draft Code) will address:

- expansion of existing and construction of new wireless facilities.
- compatibility between wireless facilities and surrounding land uses.
- public health, safety, and welfare.
- aesthetic concerns in both urban and rural areas.

A draft staff report provided at the meeting includes:

- project purpose and goals
- topics addressed in the code language
- public outreach
- code analysis
- SEPA analysis
- Federal Communication Commission (FCC) citations
- proposed code for Planning Commission consideration

Attachments

1. Preliminary Draft Code