



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL ACTION

PROJECT INFORMATION

APPLICATION: 18WIR-0087
APPLICATION DATE: August 29, 2018
DEEMED INCOMPLETE DATE: September 10, 2018
SHOT CLOCK DATE: February 26, 2019
APPLICANT: Ms. Gita Ighanian, Crown Castle
LOCATION: Wooden utility pole in front of 1037 Hill St
CASE ENGINEER: Thomas Check, Civil Engineering Assistant
CEQA STATUS: The proposed small cell site is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempt minor alteration of existing public structures.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ACTION

December 10, 2018	Determination Date
	Application conditionally approved
X	Application denied
	Other:

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACTIONS IF NOT APPEALED:	December 24, 2018
LENGTH OF ANY POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF EXPIRATION DATES:	0

The Public Works Department, having reviewed the application materials, hereby denies this application 18WIR-0087 to install a wireless facility on a wooden utility pole in front of 1037 Hill St., Santa Monica.

DISCUSSION

This application was submitted to the Public Works Department on August 29, 2018. City staff reviewed the submitted application materials in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 7.70 and the Wireless Application Policy and Guidelines (Standards) published September 10, 2018, deemed the application incomplete on September 10, 2018, and provided the applicant with written notice thereof. The applicant resubmitted the application on October 11, 2018. City staff reviewed the resubmittal and provides this Statement of Official Action in response.

Each and all of the findings and determinations are based on the competent and substantial evidence contained in the entire record relating to the application. All summaries of information contained herein or in the findings are based on the substantial evidence in the record. The absence of any particular fact from any such summary is not an indication that a particular finding is not based in part on that fact. Each finding is independent of every other finding.

FINDINGS

The submitted application proposes the installation of a small cell wireless facility on a wooden utility pole located in the public right-of-way in front of 1037 Hill St. This installation is required to comply with the "Design Standards" (pp. 13-20) section of the Standards. After reviewing the applicable Design Standards, this application is hereby denied for failing to comply with the following requirements (found on p. 18 of the Standards):

Requirement 1: Above grade equipment shall be installed a minimum of 16 ft above grade.

Analysis: Based on sheet A-3 of the construction plans submitted, the bottom elevation of a proposed Remote Radio Unit (RRU) is 12 ft. above grade.

Finding: This clearance above grade does not satisfy the stated minimum requirement of 16 ft.

Requirement 2: Equipment shall be installed in an integrated bracket arm colored to match the pole subject to the following dimension limits:

1. Max projection from pole face: 60 inches
2. Max width when viewed from the ground: pole diameter at height of installation or 10 inches, whichever is greater
 - a. Exception: Antenna diameter may be up to 12 inches or the pole diameter at the height of installation, whichever is greater
3. Max height: 60 inches
4. The bracket arm shall project from the utility pole in a direction approved by the City subject to the limits of any California Public Utilities Commission general orders.

Analysis: Based on the design requirements stated above, equipment must be installed in an integrated bracket arm (i.e., an arm that houses equipment to support the operation of the wireless facility) and/or below grade.

Finding: Based on sheet A-3 of the construction plans as submitted, equipment, including the Remote Radio Units (RRUs), is proposed along the length of the pole, not on an integrated bracket arm colored to match the pole and subject to the required dimensional limits, thus thereby failing to meet the design requirements.

APPEAL

Pursuant to SMMC 7.70.090, any person may appeal the Public Works Department's decision to the City Council by filing a written appeal that must be received by the City within 14 calendar days after this determination has been served on the applicant and published on the City's website. Appellants are encouraged to include in their appeals any supporting documentation.


Appeals may be filed online at www.santamonica.gov/wirelessappeals, or mailed or hand delivered to:

City of Santa Monica
Attn: Wireless Appeal
1685 Main St, Rm 116
Santa Monica, CA 90401

In your correspondence, please include the wireless application number **18WIR-0087** or your appeal request will not be processed.

The burden is on the Appellant to comply with the appeal rules. The City is not responsible for any misdirected, incomplete, unreadable, or untimely deliveries of appeals, regardless of the means the Appellant uses to submit an appeal.

I hereby certify that this Statement of Official Action accurately reflects the final determination of the Public Works Department of the City of Santa Monica.



Susan Cline, Public Works Director

12.10.18

Date