



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt minute order declaring a 120 day moratorium on the approval of applications to construct, modify or place wireless communication facilities within institutional zones in the City of Long Beach; request City Attorney, in cooperation with the Development Services Department, to prepare an interim zoning ordinance for notice and placement on the City Council agenda in accordance with Chapter 21.50. (Citywide)

The City's current wireless telecommunication regulations have not been substantially revised since 1996 despite the rapid change in technologies and an ever-increasing number of applications for the construction, modification, and/or placement of wireless facilities throughout the City. The City's current regulations are deficient in several areas including the fact that they do not adequately address community concerns regarding locational, aesthetic or design standards.

On April 20, 2010, the Long Beach City Council adopted a minute order declaring a 120 day moratorium on the approval of applications to construct, modify or place wireless communication facilities in Residential Zones within the City of Long Beach. The intent of this action was to allow for the City's current regulations to be revised while at the same time eliminating the impact to residents.

However, certain zones either buffer Residential Zones, or lie within Residential Zones. One such zone is the Institutional Zone. While the City Attorney and the Development Services Department establish regulations that better manage and minimize the safety, aesthetic and co-location issues implicated by a proliferation of wireless facilities in the City in order to safeguard against the intrusion of incompatible and potentially disruptive land uses, the City Council should undertake measures to comply with the spirit of the moratorium by eliminating impacts to Residential Zones while the City's current regulations are revised.

This additional temporary moratorium is necessary because the approval of pending or new applications for wireless communications facilities during the development and study of new zoning regulations could result in conflicts with the proposed zoning amendments that would undermine the purpose of studying such amendments. Failure to adopt a moratorium during the study period would serve to reduce the quality of life within the City to the extent that the overall public health, safety and welfare of the City's residents would be detrimentally affected.

Approve recommendation.

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