



# **Text Amendment #2019-00008**

## **Telecommunications and Wireless Facilities**

City Council Public Hearing  
February 22, 2020

# Background and Purpose



- In 2018, the General Assembly adopted new standards governing local zoning review of wireless facilities.



- New standards enacted review deadlines, maximum fees, and restrictions on reasons for denial.



- This text amendment would bring the provisions of the zoning ordinance into conformance with state law and FCC orders.

# Small Cell Facilities (Existing and New)



- Regulations were codified within the zoning ordinance in 2017.
- Proposed text amendment would shorten the maximum review time to 60 days.

# Standard Cell Facilities on Existing Structures



- Maximum filing fee of \$500.
- Zoning Review shall be completed within 60 days.
- Review shall be done administratively.

# Standard Facilities on New Structures



- Includes monopoles and other facilities on standalone mounts.
- Special Use Permit required for facilities greater than 50 feet.
- Maximum 150-day review.

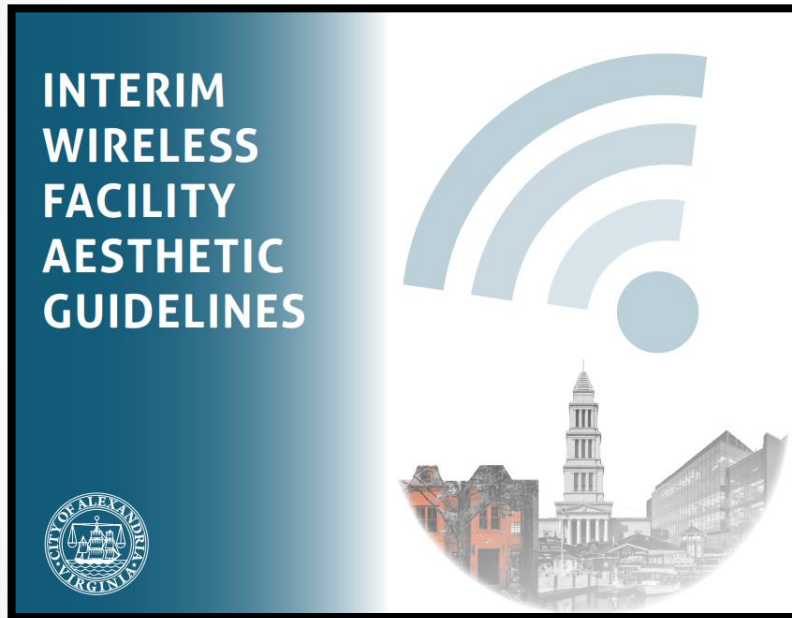
# Eligible Facilities Request



- For changes to equipment on existing towers, mounts, and stations.
- Lowers the maximum fee:
  - \$500: standard cells
  - \$100: first 5 small cells.
  - \$50: any subsequent small cells.



# Aesthetic Guidelines



- Codification of design standards regarding the design, color, and materials of wireless facilities.
- Allowed to adopt screening and landscaping guidelines.
- May be amended administratively.

# Recommendation

***On February 4, by a vote of 5-0 the Planning Commission recommends approval.***