



Bulletin 2009-1
Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinating
Committee (TTFCC)
January 1, 2009

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin is intended to provide information to carrier representatives on recent new requirements, policy changes and additional TTFCC information. The information in this bulletin will provide additional guidance to the TTFCC application and review process. The bulletin was prepared, reviewed and approved by the TTFCC members. Additional bulletins will be prepared throughout the year as requirements, policy changes and additional information needs to be conveyed.

TTFCC APPLICATION FEES INCREASE ON JANUARY 12, 2009

CB-67-2008 was enacted by the County Council on November 18, 2008 and signed by the County Executive on November 24, 2008. As a result of the bill, TTFCC application fees will increase effective January 12, 2009. In addition, CB-67-2008 will amend Subtitle 5A of the County Code and delete similar provisions which are obsolete.

A summary of the Code changes are:

1. Add or modify definitions to clarify the meanings of technical words used to define the operations of the TTFCC.
2. Delete definitions related to the Telecommunications Franchise Law and obsolete sections related to the Telecommunications Franchise Law.
3. Clarify the responsibilities of the TTFCC, the Coordinator and the Chair.
4. Amend the fee structure for the telecommunications transmission facility application fee. The increase in the fee will cover approximately \$260,000 in annual expenditures anticipated for future operations. The new fees will be:

\$2,500	TTFCC Application for a new tower, monopole or support structure
\$1,500	TTFCC Application for a co-location
\$500	TTFCC Application for a minor modification
\$250	Modification or revision to a TTFCC Application
\$500	Annual Master Plan Update

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5. Extend the period from 30 days to 60 days for the County Council to review and submit comments on the TTFCC Master Plan.
6. Require the submittal of an annual report to the County Executive which will be transmitted to the County Council by May 1 of each year.
7. Establish an expiration date of one (1) year after the approval of a TTFCC application and require reapplication upon expiration.
8. Identify the administrative process and amend the minor modifications to telecommunications facilities and Cell on Wheels (COWs).
9. Establish a position of TTFCC Vice-Chair.

A copy of the Bill is attached.

2008-2009 TTFCC MASTER PLAN NOW IN EFFECT

The 30-day review period for the TTFCC Master Plan by the County Council ended on October 31, 2008. As a result, the 2008-2009 TTFCC Master Plan is now in effect.

COMPACT DISK (CD) REQUIREMENT ELIMINATED

Effective immediately, CDs with the digital photographs are no longer required to be submitted with a TTFCC application. However, hard copies of photographs for the existing equipment shelter and support structure will be required. Hard copies of horizontal images from the base of the existing support structure or proposed site facing all four geographic directions will continue to be required.

REMINDER – M-NCP&PC ZONING SKETCH MAP

The carrier representatives are reminded to always include a M-NCP&PC Zoning Sketch Map with their TTFCC application. This map should be used to identify the Land Use Zone, Council District, Parcel, WSSC Grid, Tax Grid and Special Exception Number (if applicable). The information from the M-NCP&PC Zoning Sketch Map should be used if the PGAltas information is different.

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Attachment