

Memo

To: Blount County Planning Commission
From: Building Commissioner
CC: Other commission members and staff.
Date: 10/19/2011
Re: Cellular tower regulations.

Based on the action taken at last month's meeting the following changes have been drafted for your review and discussion.

Current Regulations

C-4. Visual effects and screening. Towers and antennas shall meet the following requirements: (a) Towers shall either maintain a galvanized steel finish or, subject to any applicable standards of the FAA, be painted a neutral color so as to reduce visual obtrusiveness; (b) At a tower site, the design of the buildings and related structures shall, to the extent possible, use materials, colors, textures, screening, and landscaping that will blend them into the natural setting and surrounding buildings; (c) If an antenna is installed on a structure other than a tower, the antenna and supporting electrical and mechanical equipment shall be of a neutral color that is identical to, or closely compatible with, the color of the supporting structure so as to make the antenna and related equipment as visually unobtrusive as possible.

Regulations for discussion

C-4. Visual effects and screening. Towers and antennas shall meet the following requirements: (a) **Towers shall meet any applicable standards of the FAA;** (b) At a tower site, the design of the **tower**, buildings and related structures shall, to the extent possible, use materials, colors, textures, screening, and landscaping that will blend them into the natural setting and surrounding buildings; (c) If an antenna is installed on a structure other than a tower, the antenna and supporting electrical and mechanical equipment shall be of a neutral color that is identical to, or closely compatible with, the color of the supporting structure so as to make the antenna and related equipment as visually unobtrusive as possible.