



What does FCC 14-153 mean to YOUR municipality?

While the FCC's 2009 Communications Act required governments to act on wireless facilities siting applications within 90 days (for collocations) or 150 days (for all other siting applications), this new order requires even **faster approval** (60 days) for basic changes or upgrades.

- if a State or local government fails to act on an eligible facilities modification request within 60 days of submission, the request will be deemed granted;
- shot clock starts when an application is submitted not when deemed to be complete;
- the government application process may only require information from applicants that is related to the health and safety of residents;
- the wireless industry is permitted to build onto existing towers, with little or no regard to local planning, zoning or building codes;
- virtually unconditional local approval is required of industry plans to append wireless facilities to utility poles, light poles and road signs;



- a local moratorium will not stop the shot clock;
- States and municipalities may continue to enforce and condition approval on compliance with "generally applicable" building, structural, electrical and safety codes, "and other laws codifying objective standards reasonably related to health and safety";

This rule does not apply to local governmental entities acting in their proprietary capacities, i.e., where such entities enter into lease and license agreements to allow parties to place antennas and other wireless service facilities on local-government property.



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