



**STAFF REPORT**  
**10/4/2023**

**TO:** Planning Commission Chair and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Anahi Fernandez, Management Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** Citywide Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Compliance Update

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**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission receive and file the wireless telecommunications facilities compliance update and Adopt Resolution No. PC 2023-26 recommending that the City Council adopt standard conditions for wireless telecommunications facilities.

**Background:**

The Planning Commission, on July 05, 2023, received a status report of the approved wireless telecommunication facilities in the City of Coachella. The report summarized six (6) facilities that were identified as out of compliance with their Conditional Use Permit (CUP) conditions of approval. The report also identified options to ensure each facility is compliant with its CUP conditions of approval. The Planning Commission directed staff to continue working with the wireless providers to ensure compliance within 30 days.

**Discussion/Analysis:**

After the July 5, 2023 meeting, staff continued to work with the wireless providers that were found out of compliance with their CUP conditions of approval. On September 21, 2023, staff conducted a subsequent visual survey of the wireless telecommunication facilities to ensure compliance. The six (6) providers have been proactive in working towards compliance. The below wireless facilities have addressed their issues and are now compliant with their CUP conditions of approval:

1. Monopalm facility located at 51-335 Harrison Street (CUP No. 240)
2. Monopalm facility located at 51-711 Douma Street ( CUP No. 292)
3. Monopalm facilities located on Jackson Square (CUP No. 302)
4. Monoplam facility located on Jackson Square (CUP No. 317)

Two (2) wireless facilities remain noncompliant with their CUP conditions of approval, and need to address lack of proper landscaping to mitigate the visual effects of the wireless telecommunication facilities. American Tower is the provider associated with the two facilities, and are still working towards compliance. American Tower is required to submit a landscaping

and irrigation plan to the Development Services Department. The provider stated the installment of the landscaping in conjunction with the chain link fence for both facilities is two (2) weeks out. Staff is willing to continue working with American Tower to ensure compliance.

Staff drafted a list of standard conditions of approval for wireless towers in the City that can be applied to improve the quality future facilities. The standard conditions of approval for the wireless towers are available for Planning Commission review and approval. The Planning Commission at this time could elect to pursue its revocation procedures of existing Conditional Use Permits for wireless telecommunications facilities that remain out of compliance.

A summary of the compliance update for each wireless telecommunication facility is provided in Attachment 1.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1) Receive and file the wireless telecommunications facilities compliance update and adopt Resolution No. PC 2023-26 recommending that the City Council adopt standard conditions for wireless telecommunications facilities.
- 2) Recommend revocation proceedings for Conditional Use Permits of non-compliant wireless telecommunication facilities and adopt Resolution No. PC 2023-26 recommending that the City Council adopt standard conditions for wireless telecommunications facilities.
- 3) Recommend revocation proceedings for Conditional Use Permits of non-compliant wireless telecommunication facilities and deny Resolution No. PC 2023-26 recommending that the City adopt standard conditions for wireless telecommunications facilities.
- 4) Continue this item and provide staff and the applicant with direction.

**RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):**

Staff recommends alternative #1.

**Attachments:**

1. Compliance Update of Coachella Wireless Telecommunication Facilities
2. Resolution No. PC 2023-26 Standard Conditions of Approval