

City of Medina Wireless Code Revisions Joint Study Session

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Agenda

- Obtain feedback regarding wireless code
 - Aesthetic and Design Standards
 - Decision-making process
- Determine who will hold planning review meetings
 - City Council
 - Planning Commission
- Timeline of Code Amendment Process
 - Overview of next steps
- Questions

Policy Decision Number One: Location or Structure Preference?

- The City could create a preference for either location of the small cell or a structure preference
 - Location: 84th, Evergreen point road, etc.
 - Structural: new light standards, existing wooden poles, etc.
- Considerations
 - Cannot dictate, only encourage one or the other type of preference
 - Locational preference would consolidate small cell in certain areas but could leave residents without 5G

- Location Hierarchy (POLICY DECISION NUMBER ONE)
- 84th Ave NE
- Evergreen Point Road
- Conditional Use Process v. Outright Permitted Use
- Structure Preference
- Existing wooden poles or structures
- New metal poles
- New METAL light standards
- Decision-making process
- Community Development Director
- Hearing Examiner
- City Council

Locational Hierarchy

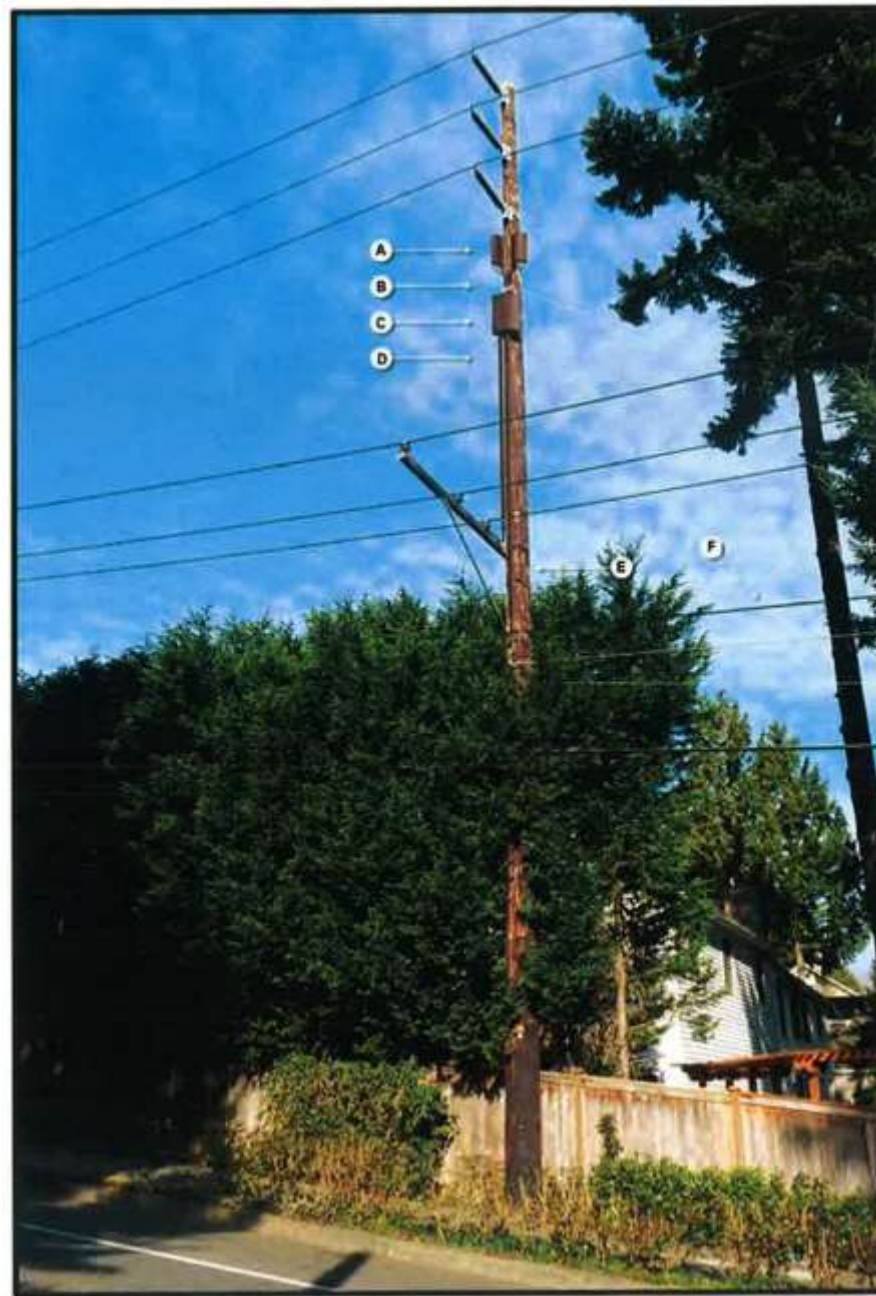
- Option to encourage location of SWF in certain areas of the City by making the permitting process for those areas easier
 - In certain areas, SWF would be an outright permitted use
 - In other areas, SWF would require a conditional use permit
- Locational Preference options
 - Along 84th Ave NE
 - Along Evergreen Point Road
 - At intersections only
 - Design Zones
- Considerations
 - May cause concern for neighbors adjacent to the area
 - Limits effect of SWF on Citywide aesthetic
 - Could streamline permitting process

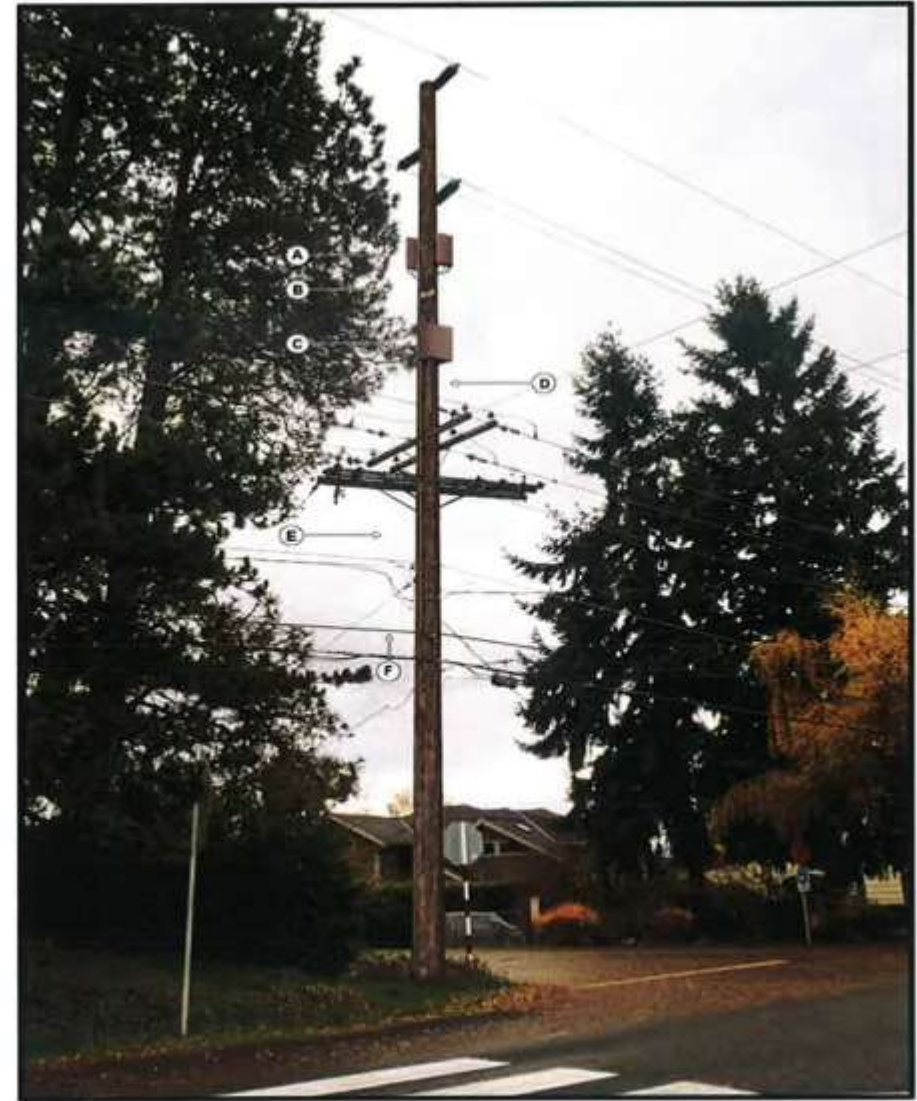


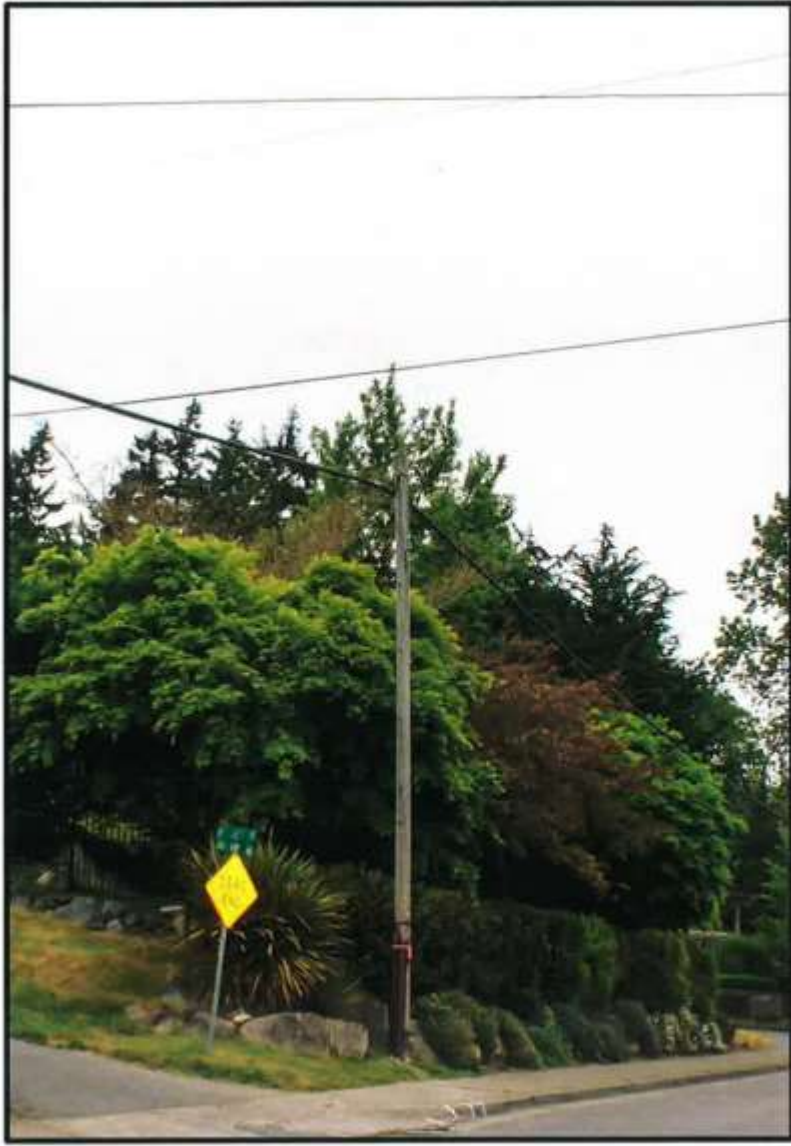


Structure Preference

- The City can encourage certain pole or structure types
- Structure options include:
 - Existing wooden poles
 - Existing buildings
 - New light poles
 - New metal poles
 - INDUSTRY WOULD PREFER POLES TO NOWHERE
- Considerations
 - Existing wooden poles or buildings likely mean least visual disruption to City's current aesthetic
 - New metal poles or light poles would cause greater visual disruption















Decision Making and Appeal Process

- Review timelines still need to comply with presumptively reasonable review periods set out in FCC Order
 - Need to revise appeal process to ensure all permit decisions are appealed to Superior Court rather than through an administrative appeal process
- Decision-maker depends on whether the City wants a locational hierarchy or a structure preference
- To encourage either a locational hierarchy or structure preference, a streamlined permit review period should be offered
 - Example: Applications for SWF in the encourage location or on the preferred structure type are reviewed only by the Director
 - Example: Applications for SWF in other locations such as in a Design Zone or for preferred poles are reviewed by the hearing examiner and might require additional concealment standards or mitigation measures

Timeline of Code Amendment Process

- February 25th
 - Joint Study Session
- March-May
 - Staff and CC or PC will work through iterative process to further revise code
- May
 - Staff will prepare code for Department of Commerce and organize public outreach for SEPA review
- June
 - Staff will incorporate any comments from DOC and SEPA
 - Incorporate any needed revisions with franchise code
 - PC or CC will hold public hearing to solicit public comment
- July
 - Option to hold additional, final public hearing
 - Adoption of final wireless code amendments by July 15, 2019

Questions?