



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2022

ITEM TITLE: Consideration of TCA-22-03 Undergrounding Requirements

ITEM SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments to Town Code Chapter 8 and Chapter 32 are being proposed by Town Staff to prevent the installation of utility facilities and structures above the ground. In March, 2018, ZTA-18-02 was adopted which amended Town Code Section 36-175 to allow small wireless facilities and the use and installation of utility poles in accordance with Session Law 2017-159. Session Law 2017-159 declared that wireless services providers and wireless infrastructure providers must have access to the public rights-of-way and have the ability to attach to poles and structures in the public rights-of-way to densify their networks. It amended existing Statutes to include small cell infrastructure and wireless support structures to ensure that wireless providers have access to public rights-of-way. Recently, Town Staff learned that other jurisdictions have been prohibiting the installation of new utility poles for small wireless facilities in Town rights-of-way by adding them to undergrounding requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Town Staff recommends approval of TCA-22-03

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to approve TCA-22-03.