



**CITY OF BEMIDJI
SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY EQUIPMENT POLICY**

**AESTHETIC DESIGN, REVIEW, AND CONSTRUCTION CRITERIA FOR STREET
LIGHT FIXTURES AND POLES INSTALLED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY EQUIPMENT**

All street light fixtures and poles installed in conjunction with small cell wireless facility equipment within the City of Bemidji shall be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department prior to installation, including approval of wireless facility equipment installed on City owned street lights. All plans for proposed fixtures, poles and facility equipment shall be signed by a Professional Civil and Electrical Engineer.

A small cell wireless facility permit shall be required for installations within the public right of way, and collocation agreements are required for each small cell wireless facility proposed on City of Bemidji owned infrastructure.

Street light fixtures and poles installed to accommodate small cell wireless facility equipment shall be uniform and consistent in both color and appearance with existing City of Bemidji street light infrastructure. When a permit application is received, the City shall work with the applicant to provide information on the type of pole, fixture, mounting, and base desired for requested location(s). The applicant shall be required to furnish a replacement pole as deemed necessary by the City where the requirements as such shall be identified in the collocation agreement.

The City of Bemidji shall not allow small cell wireless facility equipment to be installed on City owned and maintained decorative street lights.

No Company signs are permitted to be placed on a pole, including a replacement pole, except to the extent required by local, state or federal law or regulations.

All pole attached wireless equipment must be a minimum 10 feet from the sidewalk elevation. All permit applications to place above ground structures greater than 24" must be accompanied by verification of sight-triangle compliance. Tree "topping" or the improper pruning or trimming of trees is prohibited. Any proposed pruning or removal of trees, shrubs or other landscaping already existing in the ROW must be noted in the application and must be approved by the City.

In residential areas, the permittee/operator shall use a passive cooling system. In the event that a fan is needed, permittee/operator shall use a cooling fan with a low noise profile.

The City of Bemidji reserves the right to reject any street light fixture proposed to be City owned and maintained and installed in conjunction with small cell wireless facility equipment based solely on appearance and consistency with existing City owned equipment and maintenance capabilities.

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