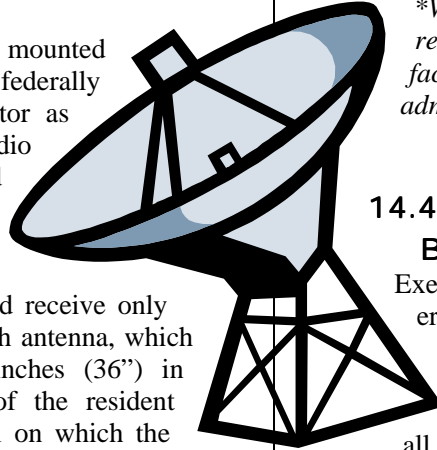


Exempt Telecommunications Facilities

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"Exempt Telecommunications Facilities" include, but are not limited to, the following unless located within a recognized Historic District*:

- a. A single ground or building mounted receive-only radio or television antenna including any mast, for the sole use of the tenant occupying a residential parcel on which the radio or television antenna is located; with an antenna height not exceeding twenty-five feet (25');
- b. A ground or building mounted citizens band radio antenna including any mast, if the height (post and antenna) does not exceed thirty-five feet (35');
- c. A ground, building, or tower mounted antenna operated by a federally licensed amateur radio operator as part of the Amateur Radio Service, if the height (post and antenna) does not exceed thirty-five feet (35').
- d. A ground or building mounted receive only radio or television satellite dish antenna, which does not exceed thirty-six inches (36") in diameter, for the sole use of the resident occupying a residential parcel on which the satellite dish is located; provided the height of said dish does not exceed the height of the ridgeline of the primary structure on said parcel.
- e. All citizens band radio antenna or antenna operated by a federally licensed amateur radio operator as part of the Amateur Radio Service which existed at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance (September, 1996).
- f. Mobile services providing public information coverage of news events of a temporary nature.



- g. Hand held devices such as cell phones, business-band mobile radios, walkie-talkies, cordless telephones, garage door openers and similar devices as determined by the Community Development Director.
- h. City government owned and operated receive and/or transmit telemetry station antennas for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems for water, flood alert, traffic control devices and signals, storm water, pump stations and/or irrigation systems, with heights not exceeding thirty-five feet (35').

**Within a recognized Historic District or on a recognized Historic Landmark, otherwise exempt facilities are considered mini facilities subject to administrative Site Plan and Architectural Review.*

14.44.075 Exempt Facilities-Basic Requirements

Exempt facilities as defined above may be installed, erected, maintained and/or operated in any residential zoning district (except recognized Historic Districts) without benefit of a building permit or other entitlement process, so long as all the following conditions are met:

- A. The antenna use involved is accessory to the primary use of the property which is not a telecommunications facility;
- B. In a residential zone, no more than one (1) support structure for licensed amateur radio operator, satellite dish eight feet (8') or less in diameter, is allowed on the parcel;
- C. Sufficient anti-climbing measures have been incorporated into the facility, as needed, to reduce potential for trespass and injury.

General Requirements (Section 14.44.030 of the Petaluma Municipal Code)

The following requirements shall be met for all Telecommunications Facilities in any zoning district:

- A. Any applicable General Plan Goals, Objectives, Programs and Policies, Specific Plan, PUD Standards, Design Guidelines, and the permit requirements of any agencies which have jurisdiction over the project;
- B. All the requirements established by the other chapters of the Petaluma Municipal Code and Petaluma Zoning Ordinance that are not in conflict with the requirements contained in this chapter;
- C. The Uniform Building Code, National Electrical Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Mechanical Code, and Uniform Fire Code, where applicable;
- D. Any applicable Airport land use compatibility criteria/policies and Federal Aviation Administration regulations;
- E. Any applicable easements or similar restrictions on the subject property, including adopted PUD standards;

- F. Facilities and minor antennas cannot be located in any required yard setback area of the zoning district in which it is located with the exception of possible encroachment of the antenna array into airspace over said setback;
- G. All setbacks shall be measured from the base of the tower or structure closest to the applicable property line or structure;
- H. All commercial telecommunication facilities shall comply at all times with all FCC rules, regulations, and standards;
- I. All telecommunication facilities shall maintain in place a security program, when determined necessary by and subject to the review and approval of the Police Chief that will prevent unauthorized access and vandalism; and
- J. Satellite dish and parabolic antennas shall be situated as close to the ground as possible to reduce visual impact without compromising their function.
- K. All telecommunications carriers and providers engaged in the business of transmitting, supplying or furnishing of telecommunications originating or terminating in the City of Petaluma shall register with the City pursuant to Section 14.44.040 of the Municipal Code.



