



CITY OF OAKLAND

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES (TOWER)

DESIGN REVIEW CRITERIA

Design Review is intended to ensure high quality attractive designs that will compliment and benefit the surrounding neighborhood and city as a whole. Design Review is primarily focused on site planning and the exterior appearance of structures. This can include things such as architectural style; design quality; building materials; building mass and bulk; façade articulation; landscaping; preservation of sunlight, views, and privacy; screening of parking and loading areas; and other design related issues. Design Review approval can only be granted if all of the following Design Review findings can be made.

A Tower Telecommunications Facility is one that meets all of the following criteria:

- 1. All antennas are mounted on a single self-supporting tower erected on the ground.*
- 2. The tower consists of a single structure with visible cross-members other than those intended to support the antennas themselves.*

Please indicate the way in which the proposal meets the following required criteria. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. Collocation is to be encouraged when it will decrease visual impact and collocation is to be discouraged when it will increase negative visual impact:

2. Towers should not be sited to create visual clutter or negatively affect specific views:

3. Towers shall be screened from the public view wherever possible:

4. The equipment shelter or cabinet must be concealed from public view or made compatible with the architecture of the surrounding structures or placed underground. The shelter or cabinet must be regularly maintained:

5. Site location and development shall preserve the preexisting character of the surrounding buildings and land uses and the zone district as much as possible. Wireless communication towers shall be integrated through location and design to blend in with the existing characteristics of the site to the extent practical. Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved or improved, and disturbance of the existing topography shall be minimized, unless such disturbance would result in less visual impact of the site to the surrounding area:
