
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes parishes and municipalities to enact ordinances to regulate the installation of small wireless facilities within their jurisdiction.

Proposed law authorizes parishes and municipalities to provide, by ordinance, for the installation of small wireless facilities within their jurisdiction. Requires that the ordinances establish a time period for review of applications received by the parishes and municipalities from cellular service providers. Additionally requires that the ordinances establish a fee schedule relative to the amounts charged for the installation of facilities.

Proposed law requires a parish or municipality to designate a person who will be responsible for receiving applications from cellular service providers. Further requires ordinances to provide that the parish or municipality has 60 days for review of an application for collocation of small wireless facilities using a preexisting structure and 90 days for review of an application for attachment of small wireless facilities using a new structure.

Proposed law provides that a parish or municipality may no longer be considered a connected ready community and the application of the cellular service provider is deemed approved if the parish or municipality fails to comply with the time period established in proposed law. Provides for the suspension of the time period if the parish or municipality is unable to review the application due to a natural disaster or other occurrence outside of the control of the parish or municipality.

Proposed law provides that ordinances that establish a fee schedule must provide that a parish or municipality can charge the following amounts:

- (1) Not more than \$500 for non-recurring fees, including a single up-front application that includes up to five small wireless facilities.
- (2) An additional \$100 for each additional small wireless facility beyond five, or \$1000 for non-recurring fees for a new pole, not a collocation, intended to support one or more small wireless facilities.
- (3) \$275 per small wireless facility per year for all recurring fees, including any possible right of way access fee or fee for attachment to parish or municipally owned structures in the right of way.

Proposed law provides that a parish or municipality that enacts ordinances in compliance with

proposed law is deemed a connected ready community. Requires the Public Service Commission to ensure that parishes and municipalities remain compliant with proposed law. Further requires the commission to establish a website that lists all parishes and municipalities and to designate on the website if the parish or municipality is a connected ready community.

Proposed law requires the commission to provide marketing services to connected ready communities and to assign the appropriate staff to assist the designated official of the parish or municipality who is responsible for receiving applications from cellular service providers in navigating the application review process.

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