

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as the agenda permits, in the City Council Chamber located at 409 South Main Street, to consider the following:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities and Radio and Television Stations and Studios or Recording Studios in B-1

Public hearing to consider a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance amendment associated with wireless telecommunications facilities. The amendments include modifying multiple existing sections and to add a new article to the Zoning Ordinance. Changes to the existing code include those needed in the Definitions section and then proceeding through code sections of the R-1, R-2, both R-3s, R-4, R-5, R-6, R-7, MX-U, B-1, B-2, M-1, and U-R zoning districts and specifying the different types of wireless telecommunications facilities that would be permitted and whether they would be allowed by-right or by special use permit. The new article includes the specifics of how wireless telecommunications facilities would be permitted within all residential districts and the MX-U district, the B-1 and B-2 districts, and the M-1 district. There are submittal and application requirements, rules for submitting annual reports for each facility, maintenance and enforcement regulations, stipulations regarding the removal of defective and abandoned facilities, and specifics regarding how property owners can take advantage of Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act. The Zoning Ordinance Sections to be modified include: 10-3-24, 10-3-34, 10-3-35, 10-3-40, 10-3-41, 10-3-46, 10-3-47, 10-348.4, 10-3-48.5, 10-3-52, 10-3-53, 10-3-55.4, 10-3-55.5, 10-3-56.4, 10-3-56.5, 10-3-57.4, 10-3-57.5, 10-3-58.4, 10-3-58.5, 10-3-84, 10-3-85, 10-3-86, 10-3-90, 10-3-91, 10-3-92, 10-3-96, 10-3-97, 10-3-98, 10-3-129, 10-3-180, and 10-3-181. The proposed new article is titled Article CC Wireless Telecommunication Facilities, which includes new Sections 10-3-195 through 10-3-203. In addition to the modifications associated with wireless telecommunications facilities, the Zoning Ordinance Section 10-3-84 Uses Permitted By Right within the B-1, Central Business District would also be modified by adding “radio and television stations and studios or recording studios” as an additional set of uses permitted by right, where all antennas and satellites and associated equipment shall be screened.

To view copies of the case documents, contact the Community Development Department, 409 South Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

All persons interested will have an opportunity to express their views at this public hearing.

Any individual requiring auxiliary aids, including signers, in connection with the public hearing shall notify the City Manager at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.