



Do not allow telecommunications companies to build base stations





Overview

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would streamline deployment of towers and other wireless infrastructure. In doing so, the Commissions resumes momentum from its successes in the 2018 Small Cell Order and continues to ensure investment and network buildout is free from unlawful regulatory burdens imposed at the state and local.

Every municipality is responsible for adopting its own set of laws governing the placement, design standards, and safety features of wireless telecommunications equipment installed and/or operated by companies like Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, Dish, and Crown Castle. Strong local cell tower laws are.

Notwithstanding section 704 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-104) or any other provision of law, a State or local government may not deny, and shall approve, any eligible facilities request for a modification of an existing wireless tower or base station that does not.

Applications by wireless service providers to construct cell towers, and opposition to those applications, are governed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by zoning and land use laws as provided in that law. This column discusses the principal governing law, recent FCC guidance, and notable.

(i) The regulation of the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities by any State or local government or instrumentality thereof— (I) shall not unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services; and (II) shall not prohibit or have.

On March 21, 2021, the United States District Court for the Northern District of



California issued an opinion in a case filed by T-Mobile West LLC that reinforces the rights of telecommunications companies to modify and upgrade their wireless facilities. The decision is based on a federal law known. Can a local government require a wireless facility to be located?

Local governments are prohibited from requiring that wireless facilities be located on city- or county-owned towers or facilities. They are allowed to provide expedited processing for applications for wireless facilities proposed to be located on city- or county-owned property.

Can a state or local government deny a request to modify wireless equipment?

Under Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act, state and local governments are forbidden to deny requests to modify wireless equipment, so long as the modification does not “substantially change the physical dimensions” of the tower or facility.

Can a state prohibit the provision of telecommunications services?

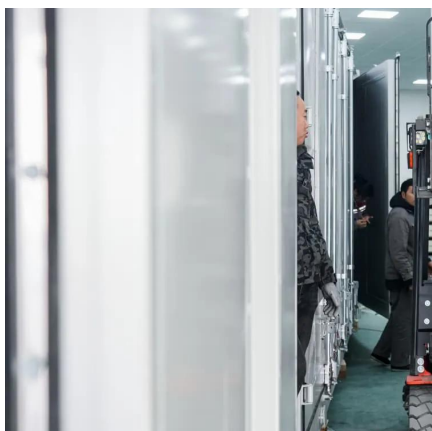
t of deployment densification and enhanced capacity for covered services. Under sections 253 and 332(c)(7), state and local laws may not “prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of” telecommunications services or personal wireless services.¹⁶⁶ At the core.

Are telecommunication towers regulated?

A 2005 survey by the School of Government indicated that 70 percent of the responding municipalities and 78 percent of the responding counties had adopted regulations on telecommunication towers. Both state and federal laws restrict local regulation of these facilities.



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Zoning Variances, 33 AM. Bus. L.J. 235, 245 (1995) (pointing out that the procedure typically consists of a telecommunications company applying for a variance or a ...



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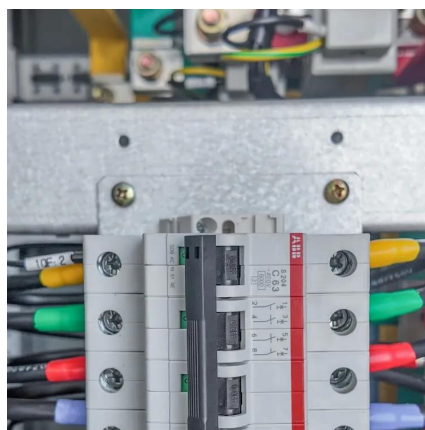
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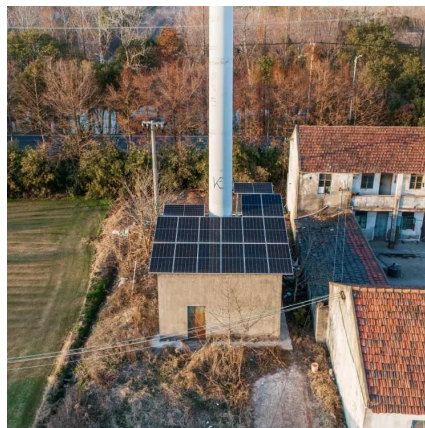
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