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**Fwd: Wireless Ordinance**

1 message

**Jenny Leinen** <leinen@monterey.org>

Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 9:03 AM

To: "COLE, Kimberly" &lt;COLE@monterey.org&gt;, Mary-Kathryn Salameh &lt;msalameh@monterey.org&gt;, Alexandra Doherty &lt;doherty@monterey.org&gt;

Hi All,

This email was received after 5pm yesterday.

Thanks,  
Jenny**Jenny Leinen**Administrative Assistant II  
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From: **Kimberly Sims** <~~XXXXXXXXXXXX@monterey.org~~>

Date: Thu, Sep 5, 2019 at 5:04 PM

Subject: Wireless Ordinance

To: <[albert@monterey.org](mailto:albert@monterey.org)>, <[haffa@monterey.org](mailto:haffa@monterey.org)>, <[smith@monterey.org](mailto:smith@monterey.org)>, <[williamson@monterey.org](mailto:williamson@monterey.org)>Cc: <[leinen@monterey.org](mailto:leinen@monterey.org)>

Monterey Council Members Dan Albert, Alan Haffa, Ed Smith and Tyller Williamson:

I am writing on short notice due to the short notice on the meetings.

After countless hours and meetings of the Wireless Sub-Committee, months of the ordinance in city hands going through staff's legal review, a year and a half has passed since the big Planning Commission meeting on the 13 residential cell towers, literally hundreds of emails and postcards sent in from the public saying the same thing. It seems that the packet for this meeting was only made available to the members of the committee only yesterday.

The revisions to the wireless ordinance being suggested by city staff and the outside legal consultant include many that would **severely weaken even the existing ordinance**. One of the new revisions suggested at the last minute is even taking out disallowing cell towers in residential districts, and instead putting this part in **a form that allows the Planning Commission to change it at will**.

There is ample scientific evidence (despite what the telcos claim) that there are sizable health issues for both adults and children exposed to wireless radiation – and in particular 5g.

It is crucial to keep cell towers and 5G out of residential neighborhoods and strengthening the ordinance for MORE not less local control. Last minute changes that would weaken the ordinance are not in the best interest of your public, your own health, or the well-being of your family.

Sincerely,

9/6/2019

City of Monterey Mail - Fwd: Wireless Ordinance

Kimberly Sims

Monterey



Mary-Kathryn Salameh &lt;msalameh@monterey.org&gt;

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**public comment on issues before the Wireless Subcommittee meeting today**

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~~From: msalameh@monterey.org~~  
To: msalameh@monterey.org

Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 8:56 AM

Dear Ms. Salameh,

I request that you forward my email to members of the Wireless Subcommittee and to the Planning Commission.

First, I object to the subcommittee considering or acting on any of the proposed revisions to the ordinance that I understand were only made public a couple of days ago. This is insufficient notice for meaningful public comment.

Second, I am previously on record as objecting to locating the cell towers or antennae such as those proposed by Verizon in its permit application that has aroused so much public objection. These do not belong in residential neighborhoods and it is especially objectionable that such large numbers as the 13 proposed to be located in the Monte Vista neighborhood. I still strongly oppose them and strongly urge the Subcommittee to recommend an ordinance which provides for as much local control and authority over these devices as possible. Retaining as much authority in the City as possible is essential.

Third, I urge that the City not allow any such towers/antennae be permitted in residential neighborhoods. There has been previous testimony from realtors that these devices have a negative effect on property values and they are a visual blight. Both of these are legitimate reasons for objection to and denial of any proposal to locate them in residential neighborhoods.

Thank you in advance for bringing my comments to the attention of both the members of the Wireless Subcommittee and the Planning Commission. I will also contact the Mayor and City Council members. I only found out last night about about the proposed revisions to the ordinance. I again object to inadequate notice which stifles public comment.

Barbara Moore



Mary-Kathryn Salameh &lt;msalameh@monterey.org&gt;

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## Neighbors united to stop dangerous cell towers

1 message

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**Michele Altman** <msalameh@monterey.org>  
To: msalameh@monterey.org

Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 4:35 AM

Dear Mary Kathryn Salameh,

Submit my letter to the city council members and enter it into the records.

Confirm you have received my letter:

Dear Mary Kathryn Salameh,

I am writing this letter again on behalf of my neighbors in Monterey and my real estate clients in the Monte Vista neighborhood. We are as a whole opposed to weakening the ordinance and allowing cell towers in our residential neighborhoods. The community has been working tirelessly for over a year with the city planners to retain our ability to preserve the integrity, beauty and safety of our unique coastal town. These towers do not belong in residential neighborhoods.

Here's the problem: the packet for this meeting was only made available to the members of the committee YESTERDAY. The revisions to the wireless ordinance being suggested by city staff and the outside legal consultant include many that would severely weaken even the existing ordinance. and safety of our unique coastal community.

The only reason the size exemption got voted out a couple of months ago (and not even by every Wireless Sub-Committee member) was because there was a last minute attempt to weaken the ordinance. The action our community took so quickly on that issue forced the Sub-Committee to take action.

The revisions to the wireless ordinance being suggested by city staff and the outside legal consultant include many that would severely weaken even the existing ordinance. We ask that you uphold our original aim of keeping cell towers and 5G out of residential neighborhoods and strengthening the ordinance for MORE not less local control, Last minute changes that would weaken the ordinance are not acceptable.

An overwhelming majority of home owners and prospective home buyers in our area have firmly stated they will not buy a home or live near a home with cell towers in close proximity. I have been repeatedly asked to speak on all of their behalves. No cell towers near our homes!

I ask for my letter to be entered into the records.

I ask you to forward my letter to the City Council members.

<https://monterey.org/City-Hall/City-Council>

Concerned resident,

Michele Altman

**Michele Altman**

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City of Monterey Mail - Neighbors united to stop dangerous cell towers

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**Cell Tower Ordinance.pages**

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August 5, 2019

Monterey Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in earnest – you are the bulwark protecting the public, as it appears that the Monterey City Council has become increasingly undemocratic. The critical issue is in regard to sustained community efforts to strengthen local control over cell towers and 5g rollout.

After countless hours and meetings of the Wireless Sub-Committee, months of the ordinance in city hands going through staff's legal review, a year and a half has passed since the big Planning Commission meeting on the 13 residential cell towers, literally hundreds of emails and postcards sent in from the public saying the same thing. It seems that the packet for this meeting was only made available to the members of the committee YESTERDAY.

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Thank you for your support, for all of use.

Kimberly Sims  
Monterey

9/5/19

Hi Kristin, here are a couple of comments from us that you may read at tomorrow's meeting.

We DO NOT WANT this cell tower hardware on the telephone poles in our neighborhood. PGE just added a bunch of new hardware to the new taller telephone pole at the top of Via Cimmeron Street and it looks horrible! We hate it! And that is without any new cell tower hardware! We live next to a telephone pole and we don't want any new UGLY (California Supreme Court allows local government to deny permits if they inconvenience or disturb residents; property owners deserve to have a say in decisions affecting their property values and aesthetics) and we think DANGEROUS (small cell towers have not been studied; FCC has not provided research documentation specifically stating 4g and 5g technology is safe) cell tower hardware mounted on this pole. Or on any other pole in our neighborhood. We want the safer, better looking fiber optic cable which has unlimited capacity! The city of San Leandro has run city wide fiber optic cable and is developing free wifi at spots within the city. Why can't we do the same??? What is the problem??

Thanks,  
Alan & Joanne Herren  
Monterey Vista residents

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I am writing in regards to the wireless ordinance in Monterey which needs to be strengthened. In fact, that was the original intent of the creation of the Wireless Subcommittee but somewhere along the way that intention seems to have been lost.

Cities all over the U.S. are fighting for more local control over wireless towers and arguing that they do not belong in residential neighborhoods. As U.S. Senator Blumenthal has brought to widespread attention, these small cell towers have not been studied in any way. Many members of Congress are calling for the FCC to provide documentation that 4g and 5g technology is safe. The FCC's claim that the technology is safe is being challenged as it should be because there is absolutely no research at all to back that up. The fast tracking of such untested technology is irresponsible and certainly not in the best interest of residents. Clearly the responsible thing to do is to strengthen ordinances and move forward cautiously until the safety of the technology is proven.

Furthermore, the California Supreme Court decision earlier this year allows local governments to deny permits if they incommode the residents. If there is no permit required, how are these decisions to be made? Residents, tax payers, property owners deserve the opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their properties values, the aesthetics of this beautiful town and their own health and safety.

It is critical that the ordinance is clear and specific. The time, location and manner regulations are clearly spelled out in the ordinance itself. Leaving these details up to the planning commission's discretion does not provide the protection we are seeking.

Once any of these towers are allowed in residential areas the flood gates are open to many more to be installed without oversight. This is not acceptable.

The residents of Monterey deserve better and we are relying on our local government to protect us as we voted them into office to do.

Thank you,  
Julie Dalton

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I am writing about the wireless ordinance in Monterey which is being discussed today. Wireless facilities DO NOT belong in residential areas PERIOD.

Despite individual smaller sizes, cumulative aesthetic effects will be significant and unacceptable to maintain the character of our neighborhoods and city. There will still be major fire risks as well as health risks. If you are not aware of the health risk, there is a very concise human trial with detrimental outcomes in the town of Ripon, CA.

Many members of congress are calling for the FCC to provide documentation of the safety of 4G and 5G. They cannot because no studies have been done. U.S. Senator Blumenthal even points out that these "small cells" have never been tested for safety.

THE MAIN POINT IS: All wireless facilities must be subject to review and due process including notice and a hearing - we need a permit to cut down a tree in our own yard, why shouldn't a piece of technology that is ugly, causes major health and fire safety issues have no oversight and get a free pass?!?!? The residents will ultimately bear the burden with 20% lower property values, visual and audible blight and compromised health. LISTEN TO THEM. They are saying in very clear terms, these small cells are not wanted, nor needed.

I had hoped to attend these meetings, however, due to work, I cannot.

Please, do what is right and represent and safe guard the people of Monterey. We are all counting on you.

Danielle Gregorio  
Monterey Resident for 20 years.

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**Ray Meyers  
77 Via Buena Vista  
Monterey, CA 93940**

**September 6, 2019**

**Wireless Subcommittee  
Monterey, CA 93940**

**RE: Wireless Facility Ordinance**

**Dear Committee Members:**

**I have lived in the Monterey Vista neighborhood over forty years and at no time in this past have I had to work so hard to persuade my local City officials to do the right thing to preserve our city's quality of life. I have been writing and speaking about the potential risks and dangers of allowing the proliferation of microwave communication devices in close proximity to residences since it was announced that Verizon was the first of many commercial telecommunication companies to seek approval of their communication facilities in residential zones.**

**After the majority of the Verizon applications were withdrawn and final one denied, it became very apparent that our city's wireless ordinance was in need of strengthening to assure that the place, time and manner would be codified in the ordinance and be as specific as possible to discourage and prohibit, within the limits of the law.**

**Our City has now invested a great deal of resources and many individual citizens have dedicated countless hours in this pursuit over the last year and a half of this new wireless ordinance. However, it has come to my attention that several last-minute changes have been proposed to defer the decision of time, place and manner to the Planning Department and not be defined in wireless ordinance itself.**

**After all this effort, please reconsider this important and short-sighted revision to the wireless ordinance that will put in the hands of un-elected officials this important decision to determine when, where and how this technology is deployed.**

**Neighborhood residences are obviously not areas that should be used for commercial enterprises to expose people in their homes to new technologies whose safety is still in question by many agencies around the world. This wireless ordinance must contain language that is clear and not up to interpretation by the applicant or the Planning Department.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ray Meyers  
Monterey, CA**

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**Dear City Leaders,**

**This letter is concerning the Wireless Ordinance in Monterey, and unfortunately we cannot attend the meetings because of work schedules. We absolutely DO NOT want the ordinance to be weakened and to sneak the small cell facilities into our residential neighborhoods!! That would be going against all the hard work of the sub-committee and everything the residents fought for during the P.C. Meeting of March 15, 2018.**

**Regardless of a smaller size they will be just as much of a health risk, and also increased fire risk with this electromagnetic heated equipment throughout our neighborhoods. They will clutter and ruin the nature and historic character that Monterey is known for. They will lower property values and for home owners. Once the doors are opened to them there will be no limit to them. The residents do not want them, and remain completely opposed to them, regardless of the smaller size. The residents absolutely need a notice, a hearing and they must require a permit.**

**More and more citizens throughout the U.S. are becoming alarmed of the health risks with these experimental small cell towers and the radiation bath that will come with them. More residents are demanding local control**

**The Governor of Oregon recently signed into law on August 9, 2019 Senate Bill 283. It orders the review of the independent peer-reviewed literature on the health effects from microwave radiation. It was effective beginning August 9. It is relating to exposure to radiation in schools in the state of Oregon; and declaring an EMERGENCY!!**

**Please do the right thing and LISTEN to the will of your residents and strengthen the Wireless Ordinance as the sub-committee intended it be. Please protect your residents and our lives. Everything precious is at stake here.**

**Dr. John Adamo  
Catherine Adamo  
Charisse Carlile**

**Monterey Residents**

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