

6.23 Communications Towers

A structure situated on a nonresidential site that is intended for transmitting or receiving television, radio or telephone communications, excluding those used exclusively for dispatch communications. Communications towers require a conditional use permit and must be based, at a minimum, upon the design standards listed below

- 1) The equipment compound shall not be used for storage of any excessive equipment; hazardous waste, or habitable space. No outdoor storage shall be allowed on site.
- 2) The developer shall be responsible for all maintenance associated with the tower, the tower compound and the roads accessing the tower.
- 3) The tower shall allow for co-location of additional providers.
- 4) The developer shall provide a six-foot fence around the perimeter of the tower compound. Chain-linked fences shall be painted or coated with a non-reflective color.
- 5) Prior to building permit issuance, the developer shall submit a letter from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) stating that the tower does not exceed the maximum height permitted under FAA rules.
- 6) Signs located at the telecommunications facility shall be limited to ownership and contact information, Federal Communications Commission antenna registration number (if required), and any other information as required by government regulation. Commercial advertising is strictly prohibited.
- 7) Unless required by the Federal Communications Commission or the Federal Aviation Authority, the telecommunications tower shall not be lighted.
- 8) Security lighting for the equipment shelter shall be confined to the boundaries tower site.
- 9) Towers shall be constructed of galvanized metal and shall be of an appropriate color to harmonize with the surroundings.
- 10) Any proposed change of use of the tower, increase in height or change of location shall require a hearing before the Stark County Planning and Zoning Board and approval as well as approval from the Stark County Commission.
- 11) Development of the radio tower shall be performed in accordance with all applicable County, State and Federal rules and regulations.
- 12) The service provider shall report to the Zoning Administrator if the telecommunications tower facility is no longer in use. The telecommunications tower facility shall be removed, at the service provider's expense, within six (6) months of this notice and the site shall be restored by the service provider to its pre-existing condition.

If deemed necessary, the County may impose addition conditions to the conditional use permit.