

SMALL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES DEPLOYMENT ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 365 of 2018

***** 460.1321.new THIS NEW SECTION IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 12, 2019 *****

460.1321.new Municipally owned electric utility; collocation on nonauthority poles; standards; application process; moratorium prohibited; rates; make-ready work.

Sec. 21. (1) The governing body of a municipally owned electric utility shall not enter into an exclusive arrangement with any person for the right to attach to nonauthority poles.

(2) The governing body of a municipally owned electric utility shall allow the collocation of small cell wireless facilities on nonauthority poles on a nondiscriminatory basis.

(3) The collocation of small cell wireless facilities on nonauthority poles by a wireless provider shall comply with the applicable, nondiscriminatory safety and reliability standards adopted by the governing body of a municipally owned electric utility and with the "National Electric Safety Code" published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. The governing body of a municipally owned electric utility may require a wireless provider to execute an agreement for nonauthority pole attachments if such an agreement is required of all other nonauthority pole attachments.

(4) The governing body of a municipally owned electric utility shall adopt a process for requests by wireless providers to collocate small cell wireless facilities on nonauthority poles that is nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral. If such a process has not been adopted within 90 days after the effective date of this act, the application process in section 15 applies to such requests. The governing body of a municipally owned electric utility shall not impose a moratorium on the processing of nonauthority pole collocation requests, or require a wireless provider to perform any service not directly related to the collocation. The governing body of a municipally owned electric utility may charge a fee not to exceed \$100.00 per nonauthority pole for processing the request. The governing body of a municipally owned electric utility may charge an additional fee not to exceed \$100.00 per nonauthority pole for processing the request, if a modification or maintenance of the collocation requires an engineering analysis. Every 5 years after the effective date of this act, the maximum fees then authorized under this subsection are increased by 10% and rounded to the nearest dollar.

(5) The rate for a wireless provider to collocate on a nonauthority pole in the ROW shall not exceed \$50.00 annually per nonauthority pole. Every 5 years after the effective date of this act, the maximum rate then authorized under this subsection is increased by 10% and rounded to the nearest dollar.

(6) A wireless provider shall comply with the process for make-ready work that the governing body of a municipally owned electric utility has adopted for other parties under the same or similar circumstances that attach facilities to nonauthority poles. If such a process has not been adopted, the wireless provider and the governing body of a municipally owned electric utility shall comply with the process for make-ready work under 47 USC 224 and implementing orders and regulations. A good-faith estimate established by the governing body of a municipally owned electric utility for any make-ready work for nonauthority poles shall include pole replacement if necessary. All make-ready costs shall be based on actual costs, with detailed documentation provided.

(7) If a wireless provider is required to relocate small cell wireless facilities colocated on a nonauthority pole, it shall do so in accordance with the nondiscriminatory terms adopted by the governing body of a municipally owned electric utility.

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