

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INSTALLATION

DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

APPLICATION ZO SECTION 708

ZONE: _____

OWNER/ APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (BUSS) _____ (OTHER) _____

REPRESENTATIVE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (BUSS) _____ (OTHER) _____

LOCATION OF TOWER: _____

OTHER: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

SIGNATURE OF OWNER (if different)

NOTE: Review fee = \$200.00

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CITY OF MERIDIAN ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 708 UTILITIES ZONING ORDINANCE EXCERPT

Section 708. Utilities

Provisions of this section shall govern the location and compatibility of utilities which are structural in nature.

708.01. Definitions

- (4) **Public utility facilities:** Structures and uses such as maintenance buildings, storage yards, major transformers, communications devices, large substations, distribution facilities, generating plants, telephone exchanges, treatment plants, wells, storage tanks and similar installations which are necessary to the provision of a utility service network including structures and lands used for storage, repair or processing of equipment or material.

708.04. **Public utility facilities** shall be developed according to the following standards:

- (1) The site shall have one property line abutting a thoroughfare of at least eighty (80) feet of right-of-way width, existing or proposed, and all ingress and egress shall be from said thoroughfare.
- (2) All proposed uses and facilities shall be contained within masonry buildings or structures similar to or compatible with buildings in the adjacent area.
- (3) Said structures and uses shall be located no closer than eighty (80) feet from any property line abutting a public right-of-way or residentially zoned land.
- (4) Adequate screening and buffering shall be provided as determined by the Zoning Administrator.

708.05 All public utility services and facilities constructed or substantially reconstructed on or after June 1, 1977, shall be located, designed and constructed so as to minimize or eliminate flood damage to such structures.

708.06 Except as otherwise provided, erection of permanent structures on easements for public utilities is prohibited. Permanent structures shall include any structure which will prevent or interfere with the free right or opportunity to use or make the easement accessible for utility services except that normal paving is allowed.

708.07. In addition to those listed elsewhere in this ordinance, the following are requirements for telecommunications services installations:

- (1) Antennae shall be classified as: building mounted panel, dish or similar fixture where the fixture is less than fifteen (15) feet in height; and all other antenna poles and towers.
- (2) Building mounted antennas require no permit but must comply with the requirements of the zoning district in which installed.
- (3) All other antenna poles or towers shall require a building permit. Prior to application for this permit the applicant shall:
 - (a.) Send written notice in a format provided by the Zoning Administrator via certified mail-return receipt requested to the owners of record of all property within a radius of five (5) times the height of the proposed antenna pole or tower; this notice shall describe the proposed tower structure and shall advise the property owner that any objection thereto shall be mailed, in writing, to the applicant's address within fifteen (15) days after the date such notice was mailed;
 - (b.) Send this same notice by regular mail to all residents of all property within a radius of five (5) times the height of the proposed antenna pole or tower [Residents will include lessees living within such radius but not occupants of mobile homes under temporary permits nor lessees of non-residential business premises within such area];
 - (c.) Communicate with every property owner and resident from whom an objection was received within twenty-five (25) days after the date such notice was mailed, and shall make good faith efforts to resolve each objection;
 - (d.) After the expiration of such twenty-five (25) day period, notify in writing each objector of the date, time and location of the next Commission meeting at which the applicant and any remaining objection may be heard;
 - (e.) Submit to the Zoning Administrator a complete application including a list of the property owners and residences contacted, a copy of letters sent, a copy of return receipts, a copy of objector(s) letters and a copy of letters notifying objector(s) of the next Commission meeting.
 - (f.) A complete application will be submitted to the Zoning Administrator by the first of the month to be considered in that month's meeting of the Commission. Appeal from the recommendation of the Commission shall be to the City Council.