

Ordinance 14-18 Amend HCC 21.58 to Define and Establish Standards for Communications Towers

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Ordinance Status: Awaiting Decision

Ordinance Summary:

An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 21.03.04, Definitions Used in Zoning Code, the Title of Homer City Code 21.58 and Homer City Code 21.58.010, Purpose and Application; and Enacting Homer City Code 21.58.040, Communications Tower Requirements; to Define and Establish Standards for Communications Towers. Zak.

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THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Homer City Code 21.03.040 is amended by adding a definition of “communications tower” to read as follows:

“Communications tower” means a fixed vertical structure that supports equipment that transmits or receives radio, microwave or other electromagnetic communication signals, including a monopole or lattice tower, plus its accompanying base plates, anchors, guy cables and hardware.

Section 2. The title of Homer City Code 21.58 is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 21.58 Small Wind Energy Systems and Communications Towers

Section 3. Homer City Code 21.58.010 is amended to read as follows:

21.58.010 Purpose and application. The purpose of this chapter is to establish minimum health and safety standards for small wind energy systems and communications towers. It applies to small wind energy systems and communications towers in all districts where they are allowed as permitted or conditional uses.

Section 4. Homer City Code 21.58.040 is enacted to read as follows:

21.58.040 Communications tower requirements. a. An application for a communications tower shall include the following information:

1. A level one site plan that shows the location of the communications tower.
2. Specifications for the communications tower including an illustration or picture of the communications tower prepared to scale, total tower height, tower color and, if proposed, the location of ladders and/or climbing pegs.
3. Tower foundation blueprints or drawings.
4. Evidence of compliance with, or exemption from, Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

b. Dimensional Requirements.

1. A communications tower may be installed only on a lot having an area not less than one acre.
2. The distance from a communications tower to the closest property line may not be less than 1.1 times its total height.
3. All guy wires, cables and other accessory support structures for a communications tower must be on the same lot as the communications tower, but may be located within required setback areas, and shall be properly jacketed to comply with visibility safety standards.

c. Tower standards.

1. A communications tower shall not interfere with television, microwave, navigational or radio reception.
2. The lowest part of a climbing apparatus that provides access to equipment on a communications tower shall be at least 12 feet above the ground, and the tower shall have no handholds or footholds below the climbing apparatus.
3. No artificial lighting shall be mounted on a communications tower, and a communications tower shall not be illuminated with artificial lighting, except when required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

d. Signs. No sign, flag or pennant may be attached to a communications tower except for the following:

1. A sign identifying the owner or operator of the communications tower.
2. Signs warning of dangers associated with the communications tower.

e. The City may abate as a nuisance under HCC 21.90.070 a communications tower that is not operational for a period of at least 12 consecutive months.

Section 5. This Ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included in the City Code.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ____ day of _____, 2014.

CITY OF HOMER

MARY E. WYTHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

First Reading:

Public Reading:

Second Reading:

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Reviewed and approved as to form:

Walt Wrede, City Manager

Thomas F. Klinkner, City Attorney

Date: _____

Date: _____

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