

ORDINANCE REGULATING  
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS

COUNTY OF SURRY, NORTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SURRY, NORTH CAROLINA, REGULATING WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS, DEFINING TERMS USED HEREIN, PROVIDING A METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

ARTICLE I  
TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Wireless Communication Towers Ordinance of Surry County, North Carolina.

ARTICLE II  
AUTHORITY AND ENACTMENT

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Surry, pursuant to the authority conferred by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, General Statutes, Chapter 153A, Section 121, hereby ordains and enacts into law these articles and sections.

ARTICLE 3  
JURISDICTION

Pursuant to G.S. 153A-122, on and after the date of adoption, the provisions of this ordinance shall apply to wireless communication towers within Surry County and outside the jurisdictions of any municipality within Surry County. Upon approval by the Board of Commissioners of Surry County, this ordinance may also regulate the territory within the jurisdiction of any municipality whose governing body petitions by resolution that such regulations be applied to its jurisdiction. Any municipality governing body may, following thirty (30) days written notice, subsequently withdraw from jurisdiction of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 4  
PURPOSE

The purpose of the Surry County Wireless Communication Towers Ordinance is to promote and protect the public health, welfare, and safety by regulating existing and proposed wireless communication towers. This ordinance is intended to protect property values, create a more attractive economic and business climate, and to enhance and protect the scenic and natural beauty of designated areas.

ARTICLE 5  
DEFINITIONS AND WORD INTERPRETATION

Section 500. Wireless Communication Towers. Any tower designated for commercial use thirty-five (35) feet or more in height, as measured from ground level, erected for the purpose of transmitting or receiving signals, including, without limitation, telephonic, radio, television, cable television, or microwave signals. Non-commercial towers, not exceeding thirty-five (35) feet and which are intended for personal private use, by the property owner, are exempt from these regulations.

Section 501. Existing Wireless Communication Tower. Any wireless communication tower within the jurisdiction of Surry County which is in existence at the time of adoption of this ordinance.

Section 502. Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Federal government organization appointed to regulate wireless communications.

Section 503. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Federal government organization appointed to regulate air travel.