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Type: Zoning Ordinance

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In Control: City Council

Department: Planning and
Community
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Department

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File Name: Communication Tower - 108th

Final Action:

Title: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE O-1718-20 UPON SECOND AND FNAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 460 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO GRANT SPECIAL USE FOR A MUNICIPAL USE IN THE A-2, RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, FOR PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION FIFTEEN (15), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (3128 108TH AVENUE N.E.)

Notes: ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt or reject Ordinance O-1718-20 upon Second Reading section by section.

ACTION TAKEN: _____

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt or reject Ordinance O-1718-20 upon Final Reading as a whole.

ACTION TAKEN: _____

Agenda Date: 01/23/2018

Agenda Number: 22

Attachments: Text File O-1718-20, O-1718-20, Location Map, Staff Report, Site Plans, Tower Elevation, Fence Detail, Pre-Development Summary, 12-14-17 PC Minutes - Items 9-10

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Effective Date:

History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Planning Commission	12/14/2017					

1	Planning Commission	12/15/2017	Recommended for Adoption at a subsequent City Council Meeting	City Council	01/09/2018	Pass
	Action Text:	Recommended for Adoption at a subsequent City Council Meeting to the City Council due back on 1/9/2018				
1	City Council	01/09/2018	Introduced and adopted on First Reading by title only			Pass
	Action Text:	That this Zoning Ordinance be Introduced and adopted on First Reading by title only. by consent roll call				

Text of Legislative File O-1718-20

Body

SYNOPSIS: City of Norman, as applicant, is proposing to locate a 300' communication tower at this site to help serve the residents of east Norman as well as municipal services with an updated emergency communication system.

BACKGROUND: In November of 1995 City Council approved amendments to the Zoning Code which added "Municipal Use, Public Buildings and Public Utility" as a Special Use in the residential zoning districts. In the A-1 and A-2 zoning districts they were permitted uses listed as "Municipal Use" and "Public Service or Utility Use". In the TC zoning district there was a permitted use listed as "Municipal Use". In the M-1 zoning district the Special Use list included "Electric Substation" and "Sewage Disposal Plant" or "Lift Station". The commercial zoning districts and the I-1 zoning district did not allow municipal uses as an allowed or special use. The Zoning Code was not consistent in how municipal uses were regulated and the many different terms used were not defined in the Zoning Code. Council and staff agreed the differences could lead to confusion in evaluating and determining how these uses were regulated so staff moved forward to clean up the language and require Special Use for future applications of "Municipal Use, Public Buildings and Public Utility". In order for the City to have the greatest flexibility to locate municipal and other public facilities in appropriate locations throughout the City, staff prepared a Zoning Code amendment that now allows "Municipal Uses, Public Buildings and Public Utilities" in all zoning districts as a Special Use. The Special Use designation provides City Council the opportunity to ensure that these projects are in the proper location and enables the approval of conditions that provide protection for surrounding property owners, but at the same time allows City Council to approve variances to specific regulations that best promote the health, safety and general welfare for the community.

ANALYSIS: This is the first group of applications to come forward under the amended zoning to request Special Use. The City's Emergency Communication System is the primary means for services such as 911; the 911 Communication Officers notify Norman's Public Safety first responders, i.e., medical, fire and police, for request of service from citizens as well as the primary means of communication between the same first responders. In 2008 the City of Norman was informed by the manufacturers of the City's Emergency Communication System that the service would no longer be serviceable in 2018. With this information available to staff, in 2016 Norman City Council approved the purchase of a new Public Safety Emergency Communications System. The communication system has identified six sites that include a 300' tower. The tower location will also have an 11'6" x 24' shelter near the base of the tower that holds the electronic support equipment. The entire fenced compound will be 80'x58' 2".

ALTERNATIVES/ISSUES:

IMPACTS: There is an existing 280' communication tower at this site, located within the park area. This proposal, to replace the existing tower with a 300' foot tower for redevelopment of the site, does not suggest any negative impacts to adjacent properties.

- **Lights** Exterior lights have not been submitted for review at this stage; however, exterior lights will be reviewed for compliance with the Commercial Outdoor Lighting Standards.

OTHER AGENCY COMMENTS:

PRE-DEVELOPMENT PD#17-26 - NOVEMBER 16, 2017

There were no neighbors/interested parties in attendance for this meeting.

- **PARK BOARD:** This is not a residential use and therefore no park requirements are applicable.
- **PUBLIC WORKS:** There are no platting requirements associated with this proposal. The drive or access point is preexisting for the existing antenna in use; there will be no additional public improvements required for this antenna upgrade.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The basic premise of this use is already an existing use on this site; this process is a housekeeping measure to comply with zoning and through review of the application minimize or reduce possible impacts to adjacent properties. Staff supports this request and recommends approval of Ordinance O-1718-20.

At their meeting of December 14, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended adoption of this ordinance by a vote of 9-0.