

AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION II, PART 8,
PLANNING AND REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT,
CHAPTER 3, ZONING, ARTICLE 8, USE STANDARDS,
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH; TO AMEND
PART 8, CHAPTER 14, SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES AND
ANTENNAS ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR SMALL WIRELESS
FACILITY PRE INSTALLATION NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION;
TO PROVIDE FOR SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY PRE
INSTALLATION NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS; TO ENCOURAGE
SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY INSTALLERS TO PARTICIPATE IN
VOLUNTARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESIDENTS AND STAFF;
TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATES; TO REPEAL ALL
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to the lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Article 8, Use Standards, Chapter 3, Zoning, Part 8, Planning and Regulation of Development, of Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah be amended by deleting Sec. 8.9.2(a)(ix).

SECTION 2: That Article 8, Use Standards, Chapter 3, Zoning, Part 8, Planning and Regulation of Development, of Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah be amended by deleting Table 8.9-1, Footnote 1 final sentence and inserting in lieu thereof: DAS are subject to applicable design review as part of a Local System Master Plan.

SECTION 3: That Chapter 14, Small Wireless Facilities and Antennas Ordinance, Part 8, Planning and Regulation of Development, of Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah be amended by adding:

Sec. 8-14002A. Pre-application Procedures.

(1) No later than forty-five days prior to submitting an application to install, mount, modify, or replace any small wireless facility in any zoned residential or mixed use district as defined in the zoning ordinance, the applicant (as defined by O.C.G.A. § 36-66c-2(4), as amended) shall provide written notification to the neighborhood association registered with the City of Savannah at: <https://neighborhood.sagis.org/> wherein the small wireless facility will be located or collocated. Such notice shall identify a natural person as a point of contact, his/her telephone number, email address, and a statement advising the neighborhood association that it has ten days to require a meeting with the applicant. Applicant shall contemporaneously transmit a copy of the notification to the neighborhood association

to the City's Real Estate & Capital Projects Department at realestate@savannahga.gov or other email address as may be specified by the City on the application form.

(2) Within ten days of receipt of pre-application notice, the neighborhood association shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the association's intent to require the applicant to attend and participate in a neighborhood association meeting regarding the proposed installation, mounting, modification, or replacement of a small wireless facility. The neighborhood association's notice to applicant shall be contemporaneously submitted to the City's Real Estate & Capital Projects Department at realestate@savannahga.gov. or other email address as may be specified by the City on the application form. Failure of the neighborhood association to notify applicant of its intent to require a meeting with the applicant within ten days of receipt of the applicant's written notice shall constitute a waiver of the right to demand such meeting.

(3) No later than fifteen days prior to submitting an application to install, mount, modify, or replace any small wireless facility in a zoned residential or mixed use district as defined in the zoning ordinance the applicant shall schedule and participate in a meeting with the neighborhood association wherein the small wireless facility will be located or collocated if demanded by a neighborhood association pursuant to subsection (2) above.

(4) The City Manager, or his/her designee, shall notify the Mayor and Aldermen in writing within 10 business days of receipt of any application to install, mount, modify, or replace a small wireless facility within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Savannah. Such notification shall include the proposed location, applicant name, and type of installation. On a quarterly calendar basis, the City Manager, or his/her designee, shall additionally furnish the Mayor and Aldermen with a summary list of all pending and approved small wireless applications for the preceding quarter by location."

(5) Applicants are hereby advised of the City's strong preference that they participate in good faith voluntary negotiations with residents in zoned residential and mixed use districts and City staff regarding placement of and aesthetic concerns related to installation, mounting, modification, location, collocation, and replacement of small wireless facilities. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit an applicant to decline to meet with a neighborhood association when such association has demanded a meeting in compliance with this section.

(6) The City Manager shall direct staff to prepare and maintain written policies, procedures, and preferences concerning small wireless facilities, which shall be updated upon federal or state law changes, if any.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: The foregoing revisions shall become effective upon the Mayor affixing his signature hereto

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: _____

Van R. Johnson II, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council