



WDCA21-0004 Article 324

Emergency Service Communication Facilities

Planning Commission Meeting - March 1, 2022



Request

- This is both an initiation and a request to amend the Washoe County Development Code.
- To amend Article 324, Communication Facilities, by modifying standards related to emergency service communication facilities.



Analysis

- Article 324 provides the standards and requirements for communication facilities throughout Washoe County.
- This amendment is proposing to delete two existing sections of Code which primarily relate to placement standards for monopoles and lattice towers for emergency services communication facilities on established sites; and
- Add a new section of code which provides specific requirements for emergency services communication facilities located on established and non-established sites.



Background

- On September 25, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) agreed to replace the existing Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system with an updated system that utilizes nationally recognized technology, with specific requirements for emergency service communication facilities.
- On April 28, 2020, the BCC adopted a code amendment which added new language to Article 324, Section 110.324.50(e)(11), Monopole Antenna and Section 110.324.50(f)(9), Lattice Towers.



Analysis

- Sites have now been identified for emergency services communication facilities that were not previously identified as established sites.
- The proposed code amendment will address non-established sites for emergency services communication facilities that are owned and operated by government agencies and will provide requirements for these facilities.
- Emergency services communication facilities located in non-established sites would be allowed in all regulatory zones with the approval of a special use permit.
- This update will remove the sections that were added in the 2020 Code amendments for established sites.
- A new section, 110.324.53, will address requirements for emergency services communication facilities in both established and non-established sites and the proposed changes are outlined in the staff report.



Neighborhood Meeting & Public Comment & Notice

- A community meeting was held at the Washoe County complex on January 5, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting was held in person and by Zoom and had one attendee, with questions about the proposed changes and how the changes would impact the current requirements.
- Legal notice was published in RGJ on February 18th



Findings & Motion

- Staff can make all the findings.
- A motion can be found in your staff report.

Thank you

