



# City of Elk Grove NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: City of Elk Grove  
Development Services-Planning  
8401 Laguna Palms Way  
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PROJECT TITLE: **Cingular Wireless PCS Code Amendment (EG-18-006)**

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: City-Wide

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): N/A

PROJECT LOCATION - CITY: **Elk Grove**

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: **Sacramento**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project consists of a Zoning Code Text Amendment to amend Chapters 23.26, 23.27 and 23.94 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code (EGMC) to facilitate the deployment of small cell communications facilities throughout the City. The Project also includes a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Wireless Communications Facilities between the City of Elk Grove and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.

LEAD AGENCY: **City of Elk Grove**  
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APPLICANT: Vinculums Services, LLC  
For New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (dba AT&T Mobility)  
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EXEMPTION STATUS:  Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15183]

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- Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15301]
- Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15303]

**REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:**


Staff has analyzed the proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment and Master Licensing Agreement (MLA) and has determined that no further environmental review is necessary pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning for which an EIR was certified), Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). The proposed Project consists of amendments to the text of the EGMC to facilitate the deployment of small cell antennas and associated equipment throughout the City, along with an MLA that addresses the processing of permits individual small cell facilities; their operation and maintenance; and their location, design and technical specifications.

Chapter 23.26 and 23.27 of the EGMC currently defines wireless telecommunications facilities and specifies the zoning districts where these wireless facilities are allowed, as well as the permit processes to which these facilities are subject. The proposed amendments define "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, Small Cell" which are a specific subset of those wireless facilities that are currently allowed but fall within particular size criteria. Wireless Communications Facilities are allowed in all zoning districts throughout the City. Small cell facilities will also be allowed in all zoning districts; however, the proposed code amendments prescribe entitlements that differ from the traditional, large scale facilities. These amendments and the associated MLA are consistent with General Plan policies related to community infrastructure and development density. An EIR was certified by the City Council in conjunction with the approval of the General Plan (SCH# 2017062058). The zoning amendments and the MLA will not create a significant new impact inconsistent with the General Plan EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, no further CEQA review is required for the approval of the proposed approvals of the amendments and the agreement.

Approval of the proposed amendments, and the small cell wireless facilities that would be approved by the MLA, are also exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303. Section 15301 exempts from CEQA minor alteration to existing public or private structures. Similarly, Section 15303 exempts from CEQA the construction of small facilities, including the installation of small new equipment and facilities. Here, the zoning code amendments and the MLA authorize the installation of facilities at various sites within the City. The new facilities are to be installed on existing City light poles, and the new facilities will be less than 28 cubic feet, with the specifically proposed facilities being much less than half the size of the existing poles. Therefore, the approval of the proposed amendments and MLA are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303.

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