

GUIDELINES FOR PERMITTING NEW ANTENNAS AND REPLACEMENT OF UNITS ON EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATION ANTENNAS (CELL TOWERS)

The purpose of this bulletin is to establish permit requirements for installation of new antennas and/or replacement of telecommunication antenna units.

Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 91.3108.1 requires telecommunication towers to be designed in accordance with the provision of TIA-222 (Telecommunication Industry Association-222). Effective July 11, 2015, pursuant to Ordinance No. 183580 that amended LAMC Section 91.3108.1, telecommunication towers shall be considered as "Class III Structures" per Table 2-3 of TIA-222 and therefore subject to an importance factor of 1.5.

The Department requires a building permit for any telecommunication (cell) tower (effective July 11, 2015).

I. The following installations require plan check and a building permit:

1. New antennas installed or attached onto monopole and/or building.
2. Monopole replacement.
3. Addition of antennas on a monopole.
4. Addition of antennas at an existing building installation.
5. Replacement of antennas at existing monopole. See Item II for exception.
6. Replacement of antennas at existing building installation. See Item II for exception.

Note: Permits are required for screens attached to the building.

II. The following installations may not require a building permit:

1. **Upon review and confirmation by the LADBS Counter Plan Check Supervisor**, the replacement of units on existing monopole and building installations, where the units being replaced have not increased in weight and connections have not changed, no building permit may be required. This process requires verification of previously issued building permits and approved plans.