

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-19

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING
MOBILE TOWER SITING**

The Village Board of the Village of Bristol, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION I. REPEAL AND ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS.

Section 13-1-362 of the Village of Bristol Code of Ordinances is repealed and recreated to read as follows:

Sec. 13-1-362 Mobile Tower Siting.

- (a) **Title; Purpose; Authority.**
- (1) **Title.** This Section is entitled the Village of Bristol Mobile Tower Siting Ordinance.
 - (2) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to regulate by zoning permit:
 - a. The siting and construction of any new mobile service support structure and facilities;
 - b. With regard to a Class I collocation, the substantial modification of an existing support structure and mobile service facilities; and
 - c. With regard to a Class II collocation, collocation on an existing support structure which does not require the substantial modification of an existing support structure and mobile service facilities.
 - (3) **Authority.** The Village of Bristol Village Board has the specific authority under Secs. 62.23 and 66.0404, Wis. Stats., to adopt and enforce this Section.
- (b) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:
- (1) **Antenna.** Communications equipment that transmits and receives electromagnetic radio signals and is used in the provision of mobile services.
 - (2) **Building Permit.** A permit issued by the Village that authorizes an applicant to conduct construction activity that is consistent with the Village's Building Code [Title 15, Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances].
 - (3) **Class 1 Collocation.** The placement of a new mobile service facility on an existing support structure such that the owner of the facility does

not need to construct a free standing support structure for the facility but does need to engage in substantial modification.

- (4) **Class 2 Collocation.** The placement of a new mobile service facility on an existing support structure such that the owner of the facility does not need to construct a free standing support structure for the facility or engage in substantial modification.
- (5) **Collocation.** Class 1 or Class 2 collocation or both.
- (6) **Distributed Antenna System.** A network of spatially separated antenna nodes that is connected to a common source via a transport medium and that provides mobile service within a geographic area or structure.
- (7) **Equipment Compound.** An area surrounding or adjacent to the base of an existing support structure within which is located mobile service facilities.
- (8) **Existing Structure.** A support structure that exists at the time a request for permission to place mobile service facilities on a support structure is filed with the Village.
- (9) **Fall Zone.** The area over which a mobile support structure is designed to collapse.
- (10) **Mobile Service.** Has the meaning given in 47 USC 153(33).
- (11) **Mobile Service Facility.** The set of equipment and network components, including antennas, transmitters, receivers, base stations, power supplies, cabling, and associated equipment, that is necessary to provide mobile service to a planned geographic area, but does not include the underlying support structure.
- (12) **Mobile Service Provider.** A person who provides mobile service.
- (13) **Mobile Service Support Structure (Tower).** A freestanding structure that is designed to support a mobile service facility.
- (14) **Permit.** A permit, other than a building permit, or approval issued by the Village which authorizes any of the following activities by an applicant:
 - a. A Class 1 collocation.
 - b. A Class 2 collocation.
 - c. The construction of a mobile service support structure.
- (15) **Public Utility.** Has the meaning given in Sec. 196.01(5), Wis. Stats.
- (16) **Search Ring.** A shape drawn on a map to indicate the general area within which a mobile service support structure should be located to meet radio frequency engineering requirements, taking into account other factors including topography and the demographics of the service area.
- (17) **Substantial Modification.** The modification of a mobile service support structure, including the mounting of an antenna on such a structure, that does any of the following:
 - a. For structures with an overall height of two hundred (200) feet or less, increases the overall height of the structure by more than twenty (20) feet.

- b. For structures with an overall height of more than two hundred (200) feet, increases the overall height of the structure by ten percent (10%) or more.
 - c. Measured at the level of the appurtenance added to the structure as a result of the modification, increases the width of the support structure by twenty (20) feet or more, unless a larger area is necessary for collocation.
 - d. Increases the square footage of an existing equipment compound to a total area of more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet.
- (18) **Support Structure.** An existing or new structure that supports or can support a mobile service facility, including a mobile service support structure, utility pole, water tower, building, or other structure.
- (19) **Utility Pole.** A structure owned or operated by an alternative telecommunications utility, as defined in Sec. 196.01(1d), Wis. Stats.; public utility, as defined in Sec. 196.01(5), Wis. Stats.; telecommunications utility, as defined in Sec. 196.01(10), Wis. Stats.; political subdivision; or cooperative association organized under Ch. 185, Wis. Stats.; and that is designed specifically for and used to carry lines, cables, or wires for telecommunications service, as defined in Sec. 182.017(1g)(cq), Wis. Stats.; for video service, as defined in Sec. 66.0420(2)(y), Wis. Stats.; for electricity; or to provide light.
- (c) **Siting and Construction of Any New Mobile Service Support Structure and Facilities; Regulation Limitations.**
- (1) **Application Process.**
- a. A Village zoning permit is required for the siting and construction of any new mobile service structure and facilities. The siting and construction of any new mobile service support structure and facilities is a conditional use in the Village obtainable with this permit through the conditional use permit process.
 - b. A written permit application shall be completed by the applicant and submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer. The application shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
 - 1. The name and business address of, and the contact individual for, the applicant; applicable telephone number(s), fax number, and email address shall be provided.
 - 2. The location of the proposed or affected support structure.
 - 3. The location of the proposed mobile service facility.
 - 4. If the application is to substantially modify an existing support structure, a construction plan which describes the proposed modifications to the support structure and the equipment and network components, including antennas, transmitters, receivers, base stations, power supplies, cabling, and related equipment associated with the proposed modifications.

5. If the application is to construct a new mobile service support structure, a construction plan which describes the proposed mobile service support structure and the equipment and network components, including antennas, transmitters, receivers, base stations, power supplies, cabling, and related equipment to be placed on or around the new mobile service support structure.
 6. If an application is to construct a new mobile service support structure, an explanation as to why the applicant chose the proposed location and why the applicant did not choose collocation, including a sworn statement from an individual who has responsibility over the placement of the mobile service support structure attesting that collocation within the applicant's search ring would not result in the same mobile service functionality, coverage, and capacity; is technically infeasible; or is economically burdensome to the mobile service provider.
- c. A permit application will be provided by the Village upon request to any applicant, or, in the alternative, the applicant can provide the required information in the form of correspondence or report with supporting documentation.
 - d. If an applicant submits to the Village an application for conditional use and zoning permits to engage in an activity described in this Section, which contains all of the information required under this Section, the Village shall consider the application complete. If the Village determines that the application is incomplete, the Village shall notify the applicant in writing, within ten (10) days of receiving the application, that the application is not complete. The written notification shall specify in detail the required information that was incomplete. An applicant may resubmit an application as often as necessary until it is considered complete.
 - e. Within ninety (90) days of its receipt of a complete application, the Village shall complete all of the following or the applicant may consider the application approved, except that the applicant and the Village may agree in writing to an extension of the ninety (90) day period:
 1. Review the application to determine whether it complies with all applicable aspects of the Village's Building Code and, subject to the limitations in this Section, provisions of this Zoning Code.
 2. Make a final decision whether to approve or disapprove the application.
 3. Notify the applicant, in writing, of its final decision.
 4. If the decision is to disapprove the application, include with the written notification substantial evidence which supports the decision.

- f. The Village may disapprove an application if an applicant refuses to evaluate the feasibility of collocation within the applicant's search ring and provide the sworn statement under Subsection (c)(1)b6.
- g. If the applicant provides the Village with an engineering certification showing that a mobile service support structure, or an existing structure, is designed to collapse within a smaller area than the setback or fall zone area required in the Zoning Code, that Zoning Code provision does not apply to such a structure unless the Village provides the applicant with substantial evidence that the engineering certification is flawed.
- h. The fee for the permit shall be as provided in Section 1-3-1 [but may not exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per Sec. 66.0404(4)(d), Wis. Stats.].

(2) **Regulatory and Application Limitations.** With regard to the siting and construction of a new mobile service support structure/facilities, the substantial modification of an existing support structure and mobile service facility as part of a Class 1 collocation, or a Class 2 collocation, the Village, pursuant to Sec. 66.0404(4), Wis. Stats., shall not:

- a. Impose environmental testing, sampling, or monitoring requirements, or other compliance measures for radio frequency emissions, on mobile service facilities or mobile radio service providers.
- b. Enact a moratorium ordinance on the permitting, construction, or approval of any such activities.
- c. Enact an ordinance regulation prohibiting the placement of a mobile service support structure in particular locations within the Village.
- d. Charge a mobile radio service provider a fee in excess on the amounts prescribed in Sec. 66.0404(4)(d), Wis. Stats.
- e. Charge a mobile radio service provider any recurring fee for an activity described in Sec. 66.0404(2)(a), Wis. Stats., or a Class 2 collocation.
- f. Permit third-party consultants to charge the applicant for any travel expenses incurred in the consultant's review of mobile service permits or applications.
- g. Disapprove of an application to conduct an activity described in Sec. 66.0404(2)(a), Wis. Stats., based solely on aesthetic concerns.
- h. Disapprove an application to conduct a Class 2 collocation on aesthetic concerns.
- i. Enact or enforce a Village ordinance related to radio frequency signal strength or the adequacy of mobile service quality.
- j. Impose a surety requirement, unless the requirement is competitively neutral, nondiscriminatory, and commensurate with the historical record for surety requirements for other facilities and

structures in the Village which fall into disuse. [Note: Per Sec. 66.0404(4)(i), Wis. Stats., there is a rebuttable presumption that a surety requirement of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) or less complies with this Subsection.]

- k. Prohibit the placement of emergency power systems.
- l. Require that a mobile service support structure be placed on property owned by the political subdivision.
- m. Disapprove an application based solely on the height of the mobile service support structure or on whether the structure requires lighting.
- n. Condition approval of such activities on the agreement of the structure or mobile service facility owner to provide space on or near the structure for the use of or by the Village at less than market rate, or provide the Village other services via the structure or facilities at less than the market rate.
- o. Limit the duration of any permit that is granted.
- p. Require an applicant to construct a distributed antenna system instead of either constructing a new mobile service support structure or engaging in collocation.
- q. Disapprove an application based on an assessment by the Village of the suitability of other locations for conducting the activity.
- r. Require that a mobile service support structure, existing structure, or mobile service facilities have or be connected to backup battery power.
- s. Impose a setback or fall zone requirement for a mobile service support structure that is different from a requirement that is imposed on other types of commercial structures.
- t. Consider an activity a substantial modification under Subsection (b)(17)a-b above if a greater height is necessary to avoid interference with an existing antenna.
- u. Consider an activity a substantial modification under Subsection (b)(17)c above if a greater protrusion is necessary to shelter the antenna from increment weather or to connect the antenna to the existing structure by cable.
- v. Limit the height of a mobile support structure to under two hundred (200) feet.
- w. Condition the approval of an application on, or otherwise require, the applicant's agreement to indemnify or insure the Village in connection with the Village's exercise of its authority to approve the application.
- x. Condition the approval of an application on, or otherwise require, the applicant's agreement to permit the Village to place at or collocate with the applicant's support structure any mobile service facilities provided or operated by, whether in whole or in part, the Village or an entity in which the Village or other political

subdivision has a governance, competitive, economic, financial or other interest.

(d) **Class 1 Collocation.**

(1) **Application Process.**

- a. A zoning permit is required for a Class 1 collocation. A Class 1 collocation is a conditional use in the Village obtainable with this permit through the conditional use process of this Chapter.
- b. A written permit application shall be completed by the applicant and submitted to the Village. The application must contain, at a minimum, the following information:
 1. The name and business address of, and the contact individual for, the applicant; applicable telephone number(s), fax number, and email address shall be provided.
 2. The location of the proposed or affected support structure.
 3. The location of the proposed mobile service facility.
 4. If the application is to substantially modify an existing support structure, a construction plan which describes the proposed modifications to the support structure and the equipment and network components, including antennas, transmitters, receivers, base stations, power supplies, cabling, and related equipment associated with the proposed modifications.
 5. If the application is to construct a new mobile service support structure, a construction plan which describes the proposed mobile service support structure and the equipment and network components, including antennas, transmitters, receivers, base stations, power supplies, cabling, and related equipment to be placed on or around the new mobile service support structure.
 6. If an application is to construct a new mobile service support structure, an explanation as to why the applicant chose the proposed location and why the applicant did not choose collocation, including a sworn statement from an individual who has responsibility over the placement of the mobile service support structure attesting that collocation within the applicant's search ring would not result in the same mobile service functionality, coverage, and capacity; is technically infeasible; or is economically burdensome to the mobile service provider.
- c. A permit application will be provided by the Village upon request to any applicant, or, in the alternative, the applicant can provide the required information in the form of correspondence or report with supporting documentation.
- d. If an applicant submits to the Village an application for a permit to engage in an activity described in this Section, which contains all of the information required under this Section, the Village shall

consider the application complete. If the Village does not believe that the application is complete, the Village shall notify the applicant in writing, within ten (10) days of receiving the application, that the application is not complete. The written notification shall specify in detail the required information that was incomplete. An applicant may resubmit an application as often as necessary until it is complete.

- e. Within ninety (90) days of its receipt of a complete application, the Village shall complete all of the following or the applicant may consider the application approved, except that the applicant and the Village may agree in writing to an extension of the ninety (90) day period:
 - 1. Review the application to determine whether it complies with all applicable aspects of the Village's Building Code and, subject to the limitations of this Section, zoning ordinances.
 - 2. Make a final decision whether to approve or disapprove the application.
 - 3. Notify the applicant, in writing, of its final decision.
 - 4. If the decision is to disapprove the application, include with the written notification substantial evidence which supports the decision.
 - f. The Village may disapprove an application if an applicant refuses to evaluate the feasibility of collocation within the applicant's search ring and provide the sworn statement described under Subsection (d)(1)b6.
 - g. If an applicant provides the Village with an engineering certification showing that a mobile service support structure, or an existing structure, is designed to collapse within a smaller area than the setback or fall zone area required in a zoning ordinance, that Zoning Code provision does not apply to such a structure unless the Village provides the applicant with substantial evidence that the engineering certification is flawed.
 - h. The fee for the permit shall be as provided in Section 1-3-1 [but may not exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per Sec. 66.0404(4)(d), Wis. Stats.].
- (2) **Regulatory and Application Limitations.** The regulatory and application parameters and limitations prescribed in Subsection (c)(2) above shall be applicable.
- (e) **Class 2 Collocation.**
- (1) **Application Process.**
 - a. A Village zoning permit is required for a Class 2 collocation. A Class 2 collocation is a permitted use in the Village but still requires the issuance of Village building permits.
 - b. A written permit application shall be completed by the applicant and submitted to the Village. The application must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The name and business address of, and the contact individual for, the applicant; applicable telephone number(s), fax number, and email address shall be provided.
 2. The location of the proposed or affected support structure.
 3. The location of the proposed mobile service facility.
- c. A permit application will be provided by the Village upon request to any applicant, or, in the alternative, the applicant can provide the required information in the form of correspondence or report with supporting documentation.
- d. Per Title 15, Chapter 1 of this Code of Ordinances, a Class 2 collocation is also subject to the same requirements for the issuance of a building permit to which any other type of commercial development/construction or land use development is subject.
- e. If an applicant submits to the Village an application for a permit to engage in an activity described in this Section, which contains all of the information required under this Section, the Village shall consider the application complete. If any of the required information is not in the application, the Village shall notify the applicant in writing, within five (5) days of receiving the application, that the application is not complete. The written notification shall specify in detail the required information that was incomplete. An applicant may resubmit an application as often as necessary until it is complete.
- f. Within forty-five (45) days of its receipt of a complete application, the Village shall complete all of the following or the applicant may consider the application approved, except that the applicant and the Village may agree in writing to an extension of the forty-five (45) day period:
1. Make a final decision whether to approve or disapprove the application.
 2. Notify the applicant, in writing, of its final decision.
 3. If the application is approved, issue the applicant the relevant permit.
 4. If the decision is to disapprove the application, include with the written notification substantial evidence which supports the decision.
- g. The fee for the permit shall be as provided in Section 1-3-1 [but may not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or the commercial building permit fee equivalent, per Sec. 66.0404(4)(d)].
- (2) **Regulatory and Application Limitations.** The regulatory and application parameters and limitations prescribed in Subsection (c)(2) above shall be applicable.
- (f) **Penalty Provisions.** Any person, partnership, corporation or other legal entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties and/or forfeitures prescribed in Section

13-1-449, plus applicable surcharges, assessments, and costs for each violation. Each day a violation exists or continues constitutes a separate offense under this Section. In addition, the Village of Bristol may seek injunctive relief from a court of record to enjoin further violations.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional or if the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or applications.

SECTION III. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.

All Ordinances in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.

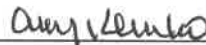
This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 8th day of December, 2014.

VILLAGE OF BRISTOL, WISCONSIN



Village President



Village Clerk-Treasurer

INTRODUCED: 12/8/2014

ADOPTED: 12/8/2014

PUBLISHED: _____

State of Wisconsin:
County of Kenosha:

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true, correct, and complete copy of an ordinance duly and regularly enacted by the Bristol Village Board on the 8th day of December, 2014 and that said ordinance has not been repealed or amended and is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2014

Amy Klecko
Village Clerk-Treasurer

