

**Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission
Held on November 04, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kat St. Clair, Chair Terri Henson, Gary Watkins, Jillian Privett

ABSENT: Apyrl Hutchinson

STAFF: Kate Thomas, JR Meek

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Staff recommended amending the agenda by moving Item 10a to Item 10b, thereby placing the communication tower discussion at the end of the agenda.

M/S: St. Clair/ Privett

Polled Vote – All in Favor

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission regular meeting minutes from October 9, 2025.**

M/S: Privett/St. Clair

Polled Vote – All in Favor

6. DIRECTORS REPORT:

Staff stated that the Director's Report will be deferred to the next meeting due to the length of the current agenda and in consideration of time constraints.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Item 10a: Public Comment from John and Joan Sargent regarding the 12.5 Mile Communications Tower**
- b) **Item 10a: Public Comment from Jen Hatch regarding the 12.5 Mile Communications Tower**
- c) **Item 10a: Public Comment from Elizabeth Guyor regarding the 12.5 Mile Communications Tower**
- d) **Item 10a: Public Comment from Roger Haver Stock Regarding the 12.5 Mile Communications Tower**
- e) **Item 9a: Request from Frank & Cherie Young regarding the request from Teniya Morelli to purchase a portion of Borough-owned real property**

8. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Public comments under Persons to Be Heard will be reserved for when the related items are addressed during the agenda, specifically Items 9b and 10a.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) (PH) Request from Teniya Morelli to purchase a portion of Borough-owned real property identified as Lot A-2 of the Presbyterian - CBW Replat, according to Plat No. 2025-3, zoned Open Space Public.**

M/S: Privett/St. Clair

Move to approve the findings of fact and recommend that the Borough Assembly approve the sale of a portion of Lot A-2 of the Presbyterian – CBW Replat, as requested by the adjoining property owner, subject to the conditions of approval outlined in the staff report.

Staff provided background on the property adjacent to the Church and explained its significance in relation to the applicant's request. Mr. Morelli is seeking to purchase the property for the purpose of expanding his existing residential lot to construct a garage/shop. Staff advised that any proposed structure would have to meet the requirements of the residential zoning district. Staff also noted that all appraisal and transaction costs will be the responsibility of the applicant.

For the record, staff acknowledged receipt of public comment from Frank and Cherie Young, who expressed interest in having the parcel placed into a public auction process. Staff clarified that the Assembly holds the authority to decline the sale and refund the application fee, at which point Mr. and Mrs. Young would have the opportunity to speak further on the matter.

Watkins inquired about the location and dimensions of the property. Staff confirmed that the applicant is seeking to purchase a portion of an existing lot and confirmed that it is not the entire lot. While a survey is necessary, staff anticipate that the new lot line will be drawn near an existing utility easement.

Polled Vote – All in Favor

- b) (PH) Request from Alaska Marine Lines to lease Borough-owned tidelands identified as ATS 1143 according to Plat No. 80-10 (APN 03-010-300) and Borough-owned real property identified as Lot 4 of USS 3534, according to Plat No. 29-20 (APN 03-010-220), zoned Waterfront Development.**

Public Hearing Opened

Sylvia Ettefagh spoke in regard to the item. She stated that, to her understanding, this action appears to be part of an ongoing process related to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), rather than a finalized agreement. She emphasized that she had attended the recent workshop and recalled that the MOU had been signed by the Assembly and Alaska Marine Lines (AML) as a commitment to continue working toward a solution for the barge, not as a finalized or binding resolution.

Joan Sargent also addressed the Commission. She inquired whether the request under consideration is being processed as a Conditional Use Permit or involves a similar type of land use action, such as a lease. Joan also commented on the desire to see a buffer in place to separate industrial use from other surrounding uses.

Public Hearing Closed

M/S: Privett/Watkins

Move to approve the findings of fact and recommend that the Borough Assembly approve the Alaska Marine Lines application for a 30-year tidelands lease at the Six-Mile Deep Water Port (former Sawmill), subject to the conditions of approval outlined in the staff report.

Staff reported that they received an application from Alaska Marine Lines that included both a lease request and a statement of purpose, which outlined the applicant's intent to construct marine infrastructure to serve the cargo facilities. In response to public comments, staff stated that the prospective lease does not guarantee that the freight and cargo facility will be relocated from downtown to this site. However, this is a necessary step in the continued evaluation of design options, with the former mill property serving as a viable option. Staff referenced the Borough's plans to seek funding through the EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant to support uplands infrastructure along the Waterfront and Deep-Water port. This effort would be complementary to the proposed marine infrastructure of the applicant.

Staff explained that the tidelands requested by Alaska Marine Lines (AML) are currently classified as restricted by state statute, specifically the 820-825 conveyances (Patent 392). In the case of the requested tidelands, the Borough may not sell the property or prohibit public access along the waterway. However, the Borough may lease the property or utilize it for other purposes. Additional maps and reference materials were provided for Commission review.

Staff stated that this action is the first step in getting a lease agreement in place. The land must be approved for leasing before authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into lease negotiations. Staff stated that the proposal aligns with the goals outlined in the Waterfront Development Master Plan.

Staff advised that final lease approval will be subject to legal review by the Borough Attorney, and that the applicant will be responsible for obtaining all required permits, conducting necessary surveys, and ensuring full compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

Watkins asked whether the amount of space being considered was based on a confirmed need or just an estimate. Staff provided maps that show the prospective tidelands for lease and stated that additional uplands may be included in the leased area. A survey may be conducted to determine the exact boundaries of the lease.

Polled Vote – All in Favor

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) Final Review of a Planned Unit Development Application and Subdivision Plat for Lot D of the Torgramsen-Austin Subdivision according to Plat No. 2017-1, zoned Zimovia Highway Mixed Use, owned and requested by Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

Public Hearing Opened

M/S: Privett/Watkins

Move to approve the findings of fact and final staff report for the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Planned Unit Development and Subdivision for Lot D of the Torgramsen-

Austin Subdivision (Plat 2017-1), confirming that all prior conditions of approval have been met, and to recommend that the Borough Assembly approve the final Planned Unit Development and Subdivision Plat for recordation.

Staff provided an overview of the final review process, including updated information related to the easement and associated easement agreement, both of which were included in the meeting packet. Staff explained that the plat will be recorded first, after which the easement agreement will be finalized and filed.

Staff confirmed that they have been in ongoing communication with SEARHC to finalize and clarify plat notes that were previously discussed during earlier Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, addressing Commissioners' concerns. The final plat has been reviewed and signed, and staff notes that it is scheduled to be forwarded to the Borough Assembly for formal approval at their next regular meeting. All conditions of the preliminary review have been satisfied.

In closing, staff expressed their appreciation to SEARHC for their diligence and professionalism throughout the working PUD process, and for their willingness to collaborate on details in response to Commissioners' questions and feedback during prior reviews.

Polled Vote – All in Favor

B) (PH) Conditional Use Permit application to construct a communication tower on Lot 8, Block 5 of the Wrangell Island West Subdivision, according to Plat No. 83-11 (APN 03-022-170), zoned Rural Residential 1, owned by Rick Andersen, requested by Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

Public Hearing Opened

Richard Peterson, President of Tlingit and Haida Central Council was the first to speak in support of the application. He provided background on the project and expressed appreciation to the City and Borough of Wrangell for its continued cooperation with Tidal Network and Central Council Tlingit & Haida. Peterson addressed recent correspondence opposing the tower, acknowledging community concerns and offering a public apology to those who may feel unheard. He emphasized that Tlingit & Haida's intent is to collaborate with the community, not to impose infrastructure without consent or discussion.

Peterson shared that he fully respects the views of those who oppose the project and welcomes the opportunity to engage directly with community members to address their concerns. He extended an open invitation for further dialogue and hoped to build mutual understanding around the goals and potential benefits of the telecommunications tower. He highlighted Tidal Network's support during the 2023 Wrangell landslide disaster, as well as previous assistance provided in Haines. He stated that the parcel was selected for its low visibility and minimal impact on surrounding properties, and that Tidal has worked closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and Alaska State Troopers on coordinating communications infrastructure.

According to Peterson, the project is not profit-driven but rather focused on improving quality of life and supporting sustainable communities, particularly through improved connectivity for remote work, healthcare, and education. Peterson closed by stating his intention to return to Wrangell for further community engagement and reiterated his desire to reverse the outmigration of residents by investing in infrastructure that supports modern living and professional opportunities, such as a remote work environment.

Leilani Sanford provided oral comments, with written support. The letter detailing her comments is included in the minutes packet.

Diane O'Brien also spoke in opposition. She criticized the Planning & Zoning Commission's public process, stating that residents in the area had not been given sufficient opportunities to voice opposition to the project in previous meetings and encouraged the Commission to conduct stronger outreach and communication to all parties affected by this permit and future permits. O'Brien owns property adjacent to the proposed tower site and expressed significant concern over the potential health impacts associated with RF. She concluded by urging the Commission to deny the permit.

Joan Sargent spoke next, expanding upon the concerns outlined in her previously submitted written correspondence. She reiterated her preference for Starlink as an alternative solution that offers broadband service without intrusive visual or structural impacts. Sargent questioned the applicant's claims regarding collaboration with the Coast Guard, stating she had reason to believe that coordination had not occurred. She also referenced a recent informational meeting hosted by the applicant, stating that she "tried to be listened to" but felt she was not heard based on dismissive comments from T&H staff. Joan then presented a photograph (included in written comments) of her residence, illustrating the tower's projected location and proximity to her home, stating the visual impact would be "unavoidable." She also contested the staff's findings of fact and the applicant's submittals, emphasizing that the tower could not be obscured by vegetation due to its height.

Sargent expressed concern about outdated Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations and referenced an ongoing 2021 lawsuit challenging the adequacy of federal standards related to cell tower safety. She further requested that if the permit is approved, the Borough requires the applicant to provide sanitary facilities for on-site workers during construction and maintenance. Sargent concluded by stating that the tower would have a direct and negative impact on her property value and appraisal, potentially affecting her ability to sell her home at its current market value, and urged the Commission to deny the permit.

Sylvia Ettefagh addressed the Commission and began by expressing appreciation for the opportunity to hear so much public input and community feedback during the meeting. She acknowledged and commended Tlingit & Haida's involvement during the 2023 landslide disaster, particularly their coordination of Starlink satellite service to enhance communications in the affected area. Sylvia noted that many residents relied on Starlink's proven reliability during that time, which led to a broader adoption of the service among residents in remote areas.

Ettefagh stated that she had personally spoken with property owners residing around 12 Mile and 13 Mile and reported that she had collected 49 letters from residents in opposition of the proposed tower. She emphasized that the majority of property owners in the vicinity do not support the construction and expressed concern about long-term implications to the community. She reiterated her concerns about RF exposure, acknowledging that while scientific findings remain inconclusive, the mere presence of uncertainty should prompt caution, especially in consideration of families and children living in the area. Despite her opposition, she thanked Tlingit & Haida for their intent to partner with the community and for being open to communication.

Ettefagh suggested Woronofski Island as a potential alternative site for the tower that would minimize intrusion into residential areas. She respectfully asked the Commission to carefully

consider whether the proposed tower offers a meaningful benefit and ultimately requests that the Conditional Use Permit be denied.

Rick Andersen, property owner of the parcel under consideration, addressed the Commission. He noted that the proposed tower would be well within the property boundaries and compliant with zoning requirements. Andersen states that similar towers exist throughout the country and that this could be a valuable opportunity to expand communications access for members of the community who currently lack service. He expressed appreciation for the professionalism of Tidal Network and spoke positively of their presentation and intent.

Tyler Riberio returned to speak further in opposition to the proposal. He cited specific findings of fact from the application, noting that the staff report itself had identified limited-service demand in the area. Riberio argued that the need for expanded service was unsubstantiated and that existing providers are adequately serving the community. He also read directly from sections of the Municipal Code, referencing rural zoning regulations that discourage high-intensity infrastructure incompatible with low-density, residential properties. He cited language addressing uncharacteristic land uses and potential adverse impacts on neighboring properties. He concluded his remarks by urging the Commission to reject the permit request.

Olivia Strano spoke in opposition, stating that the proposed tower would not extend coverage to her residence and expressing concern regarding the necessity and impact of the tower's construction. She requested that the Commission deny the permit.

Charlie Hazel thanked Tlingit & Haida for their support during the landslide disaster and acknowledged their desire to improve communication infrastructure. However, he expresses strong support for Starlink services, which he describes as effective and increasingly relied upon by emergency responders and remote residents alike.

Hazel expressed concern that cell towers, due to limited coverage, often require multiple installations across a region. He stated that there is no current need for an additional tower, especially with AP&T already installing fiber optic upgrades to expand high-speed internet access throughout Wrangell. He reiterated that existing services are already meeting public needs.

Sargent asked for clarification regarding whether the proposed tower site was located within Zimovia Highway Mixed Use zoning regulation. Chair Henson responded that it is not; the site is zoned Rural Residential 1 (RR-1).

Public Hearing Closed

M/S: Privett/St. Clair

Move to approve the findings of fact and the Conditional Use Permit request submitted by Tidal Network (Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska) to construct a 230-foot telecommunications tower on Lot 8, Block 5, Wrangell Island West Subdivision (Plat 83-11), subject to the findings and conditions of approval identified in the staff report.

Staff began by expressing appreciation to both community members and Tlingit & Haida for their engagement, thoughtful dialogue, and the time dedicated to discussions surrounding the proposed telecommunications tower. Staff outlined the legal framework governing the review of Conditional Use Permits within the Rural Residential 1 zoning district and emphasized the importance of maintaining consistency with the Municipal Code.

Staff clarified that the proposed tower is not considered a public facility use under the Municipal Code. The role of the Planning & Zoning Commission is to determine whether the proposed use meets the applicable criteria and to either approve or deny the application based on the criteria detailed in the Wrangell Municipal Code. Staff emphasized that if the Commission chooses to deny the application, it cannot impose conditions or request changes as part of that denial; conditions can only be applied in the event of approval.

A background summary of the proposal was provided. Staff noted that the initial application had been rejected by the Commission due to a lack of supplemental materials addressing public concerns, particularly related to lighting and overall height of the tower. In the revised application, Tidal Network reduced the tower height from 250 feet to 230 feet and submitted additional materials, including Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-required RF studies, enhanced lighting specifications, and visual impact assessments on surrounding neighborhoods.

Although staff did not recommend conditions in this instance, they acknowledged the public comment submitted by Joan Sargent regarding the need for sanitation facilities for workers on site. Staff reiterated that the proposed structure is a privately-operated telecommunications facility and confirmed that the materials submitted were sufficient to satisfy Borough review procedures.

Staff also highlighted that if the tower is not in use for a period exceeding twelve consecutive months, it must be deconstructed, and the site restored to its original condition, in accordance with conditions outlined in the findings report.

Watkins asks whether the permit would be forwarded to the Borough Assembly or if this is the end point for the permit's review/approval. Staff responded that if the Commission approves the Conditional Use Permit, the permit will be issued. Prior to construction, the applicant/developer would be required to submit a building permit application, which undergoes planning administrative review and approval. The Borough Assembly would not be required to review the permit. However, if the permit is denied, then the applicant has the opportunity to appeal. In that case, the Borough Assembly would sit as the Board of Adjustments.

Staff reiterated that all findings and recommendations are based strictly on compliance with the Municipal Code and its impact on the area. Chair Henson reminded the Commission that its decision should not be influenced by the profitability of the project or the applicant's business model. Rather, the Commission must focus on whether the proposal aligns with the Borough's regulatory standards.

St. Clair expressed concern that the proposed tower would have minimal impact on improving communications for the area and questioned whether the infrastructure could become obsolete in the near future. She also expressed specific concerns about the lighting and how it might negatively affect neighboring residences. Chair Henson responded that while she could not determine the future viability of the tower, she clarified that FAA lighting requirements direct the beacon light upward for visibility by aircraft and are not oriented downward toward homes.

Privett thanked Tlingit & Haida for their efforts in hosting informational hearings and for their willingness to address public concern and criticism. She echoed concerns about lighting. Privett expressed difficulty in making a final decision, recognizing both sides of the argument. She encouraged Tidal Network to host additional public meetings or workshops to explore alternative tower locations that might better address the concerns of nearby residents and meet the needs of the broader community.

Staff concluded by thanking all participants for their time, public comments, and ongoing engagement with the issue. They acknowledged the importance of community input in shaping decisions related to infrastructure and neighborhood development, particularly when evaluating potential mitigating measures. Staff reminded the Commission that they could implement additional conditions if they felt it would adequately mitigate the adverse effects of the use.

Polled Vote – Motion denied. Watkins, Privett, St. Clair voted no. Chair Henson voted yes.

11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Following the denial of the Conditional Use Permit for the telecommunications tower, staff state that they will need to submit a written analysis detailing the basis for the Commission decision. Staff conferred with the Commission to determine which criteria had not been satisfied. Because the staff report findings were not approved, a record of decision must be written and supplied to the applicant. The Commissioner confirmed that the height of the tower and the visual impacts of the structure and light were the basis of their decision.

Staff will also schedule a follow-up meeting with the Commission to review and approve the Commissioner's Report documenting the findings and formal basis for the denial of Tidal Network's application.

Chair Henson noted she will be absent from the next scheduled Planning and Zoning Meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 PM

ATTEST: _____
J.R. Meek, Secretary

Terri Henson, Chair



November 3, 2025

RE: Statement of Support for Proposed Tower at 56.320425, -132.340134, Wrangell, AK

Dear Mr. Cropley,

This letter is to provide a statement of support to you, Tidal Network, a department of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska ("Tidal"), for the proposed cellular tower and communications facility located at 56.320425, -132.340134, Wrangell, AK. The Alaska Wireless Network, LLC ("AWN") has a strong interest in leasing space on the proposed tower and ground space to enhance our communications network.

AWN would consider making future plans to lease this tower and ground space to construct, maintain, and operate a technical facility and related communications equipment in conjunction with our operation as a communications provider. AWN fully supports Tidal in their endeavor to establish a tower and communications facility in Wrangell, Alaska.

AWN will comply with all applicable FCC rules, local permitting requirements, and tower safety protocols.

We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with Tidal Network to expand the offering of our communications services to the community.

Sincerely,

Tom Ditterick

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Name: John and Joan Sargent

Physical address: 12.7 mile Zimovia Highway

I am here to state my opposition to the proposed 230-foot Tidal Network tower on Lot 8, Block 5 because (1) the tower is unnecessary given existing service availability and the existence of less invasive, alternative source of broadband (2) the failure of the Council of Tlingit & Haida, Tidal Network and/or the City of Wrangell to provide verifiable data that proves that the service area in question is "underserved" (3) the failure of Tidal Network to provide documentation that this tower will improve cell phone service and access to emergency services (4) the decrease in my property values and the pool of buyers due to line of sight and health related concerns (5) potential health-related issues for my neighbors, myself and the environment and (6) the damage to rural neighborhood character and culture.

My husband and I do not need the services that will be offered by Tidal Network's broadband system. We are happy with our internet service from AP&T and it is a much stronger signal than Tidal Network is proposing to offer. Many of my neighbors have installed Starlink - a much cheaper option than Tidal Networks project to install per home and a less invasive and more reliable broadband system. And we don't have an interest in utilizing any of the additional services that may become available. With a cheap cell phone booster, our AT&T cell phone signal is adequate at our home, very strong on the beach and water in front of our home and 5 bars in the region of Nemo campgrounds, where commonly walk. We only pay \$50 a month for nationwide service.

In the Tidal Network Community Information meeting, it was said time and again that AT&T and GCI, local emergency service, mariners on Zimovia Strait and the Coast Guard would be utilizing services from their tower. No letters of commitment from these entities were displayed. When we asked for documentation, we were told they were in negotiation and it was all confidential. Personally, I felt put upon. What would it take to ask for a letter from the companies stating they were in negotiation, especially under these circumstances? How would that be a breach of confidentiality? In light of that, I feel that suggesting all of these entities may provide service are just a deceptive, distractive sales pitch. Let's look at those entities, their current use of technology and the reality of them actually providing limited service between Pat's Creek and Nemo Point.



Will our emergency services really be using this tower? Our police department has installed radio antennas along the entire length of Zimovia highway to assure interagency communication in case of emergency or police response. One of these antennas is at 12.15 mile, the highest point along the highway between Pat's creek and McCormick Creek (pictured). It is very strange that Tidal Network did not propose to put their tower at this point as it certainly would have minimized the height of the tower. Our emergency services also have VHF communication access through a series of Forest Service towers. The U.S. Forest service maintains 35 mountaintop repeater towers, with 5 new ones added last summer, within the Tongass National Forest to provide radio coverage for their field crews and first responders. Brandon Thomas, the Forest Service's electronics technician, said the Wrangell Police Department and Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department are tied into the Forest Service radio system (From Wrangell Sentinel, Tuesday, July 30, 2024).

And how about the Coast Guard? The Coast Guard is currently converting all of their communication systems in their boats, helicopters and airplanes, contracting with the government based Starshield (<https://govtribe.com/opportunity/federal-contract-opportunity/spacex-starshield-aero-terminal-installation-70z025rfi931002>, April 2025).. Over the past 10 years, the Coast Guard has been plagued with chronic problems with the maintenance of their VHF relay towers across southeast. By 2019, over a third of their 34 towers across southeast Alaska were not working, due to poor maintenance and weather damage. Although maintenance of their VHF towers has improved with a new company, the Coast Guard has recognized the limitations of tower based systems and is encouraging mariners to carry satellite based communication systems to supplement their cell phones and the VHF system. Just out of curiosity, I've been quizzing people around town about their communication systems on their boats. 5 out of 6 responded that they have installed a Starlink system. They have no need for even a series of broadband or cell phone towers covering the entire length of the highway. And as I stated previously, I personally have strong AT&T cell phone signal on the water from town to sometimes beyond Nemo Point.

In your packet, Chris Crowley stated that impact of cell phone towers on property values depends on the specific location and market circumstances. I spoke with James Canary at Southeast Appraisal Services and he confirmed this problem. But he also told me that many lending institutions 'ethically' require appraisers to include the presence broadband and cell phone towers in the vicinity on appraisals. In fact, HUD has classified towers as a 'Hazard and Nuisance' and requires the appraiser to note and comment on the effect of the hazard and nuisance on marketability in the appraisal (<https://archives.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/ref/sfh1-18f.cfm>). I'd like you to consider this problem from a "specific location" point of view. Imagine you have found a listing describing my property as a remote peaceful waterfront site, immersed in the natural beauty of Alaska's inside passage. Out the front picture windows are grazing deer and the occasional bear or land otter, breaching and bubble feeding whales, 100's of migrating birds and the spiring snow-capped peaks of The Sisters. When the potential buyer gets the appraisal for this property, special notes will include a 230' broad band, and possibly cell, tower within ¼ mile. Regardless of the wonder of the location, that will immediately eliminate any prospective buyers concerned about RF radiation and those wanting a remote

waterfront getaway far from the impact of the corporate world. If they do come to Wrangell and drive out the road, as soon as they hit the high spot I pointed out earlier, they will see the obnoxious, depressing view of the monolith that I may have to live with every time I drive home. As they leave my property and drive back to town the tower will be clearly evident behind the house in this picture that was taken from the road. It's about 0.2 miles from my driveway. It's pretty obvious that this unnecessary broadband tower will decrease my and my neighbor's property values and our source of potential buyers. I have attached an interesting article with many references attesting to this ("Cell Phone Towers Impact Property Values").



Do these RF emitters cause health and environmental damage? Well, according to Tidal Network, everything they are doing is safe and they have justified that with their submission of an article that one needs to have a post-doc in radiation science to understand and a list of references that support their opinion. Well, I could give you just as long a list of studies that say it's not safe. So ultimately, the jury is still out because the FCC, has stalled in complying with multiple court mandates to review all of this research and revamp their 1996 policies (U. S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in the case of Environmental Health Trust vs FCC and Children's Health Defense vs FCC (2019 and 2021)). The FCC lost these cases because of their failure to address studies considering non-cancerous and non-thermal biological effects, RF effects on children (FCC reviewed studies have been limited to adults), FCC conclusions not considering aggregate exposure to RF, and documented environmental impacts of RF radiation on insects, birds (nest abandonment, plumage loss, locomotion problems and reduced survivorship) and damage to tree canopies. In response to the FCC ignoring the court orders, some local municipalities have refused the placement of broadband towers until the FCC complies with the court orders (https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/5g-towers-fcc-court-order-massachusetts/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNyWnpleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHhKhldHJzA-EGPJzNI-RwkJUKRrc5wxEvXybmpXYwLXzX4IjDID21GJCwf-G_aem_NY77m2STh_1tiUEdPSdVRw).

In summary, according to FCC rules, I cannot protest the placement of this tower for a single reason. However, I can and am protesting with multiple documented reasons: (1) The Tlingit and Haida Corporation have an alternative way to provide broadband services to the residents that is less invasive and less expensive; (2) there are no guarantees that this venture will improve cell and/or emergency communication and in the case of an extended power outage, broadband service; (3) there will be a negative effect on my property values; (4) questionable statements about safety due to the failure of the FCC to write updated policy reflecting current research related to human and environmental effects.

Thank you for listening and giving your time serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

John Sargent and Joan Sargent



HUD HOC Reference Guide

Hazards & Nuisances: Overhead High Voltage Transmission Towers and Lines

Chapter 1

Appraisal & Property Requirements

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The appraiser must indicate whether the dwelling or related property improvements is located within the easement serving a high-voltage transmission line, radio/TV transmission tower, cell phone tower, microwave relay dish or tower, or satellite dish (radio, TV cable, etc).

1. If the dwelling or related property improvement is located within such an easement, the DE Underwriter must obtain a letter from the owner or operator of the tower indicating that the dwelling and its related property improvements are not located within the tower's (engineered) fall distance in order to waive this requirement.
2. If the dwelling and related property improvements are located outside the easement, the property is considered eligible and no further action is necessary. The appraiser, however, is instructed to note and comment on the effect on marketability resulting from the proximity to such site hazards and nuisances.

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Support Responsible Citing of Cell Phone Towers

Cell Phone Towers Impact Property Values:



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) classifies cell towers as "hazards and nuisances." Homes in close proximity to these towers often experience a decline in value, a well-documented reality for homeowners, real estate agents, and appraisers.

Research indicates that the proximity of a cell tower can have a substantial impact on property values, potentially exceeding 20%. In the context of Meridian Parks, where homes are currently valued between \$400,000 and \$800,000, even a conservative estimate of a 2% decrease on a \$500,000 home could lead to a \$10,000 loss for each homeowner. Moreover, the community may experience a decline in real estate tax collection, amounting to \$100-\$150 per property annually.

If we assume this tax collection loss is perpetual and consider a conservative scenario with 50 homes, leading to recurring city debt of \$5000-\$7500 per year at a 5% interest rate over a 20 year bond repayment period, the potential cost of a single tower to the city (or in the case of permitting a non-ideal coverage tower placement, an additional tower) could be a staggering \$800 thousand to \$1.2 million over a resident's lifetime (approximately 80 years). In a worst case scenario, where debt compounds the potential cost of a single tower to the city could be a staggering \$5 million to \$7 million over a resident's lifetime.

These financial implications do not account for the broader impact on property allure and interest. The presence of a cell tower will result in reduced property viewership, diminished buyer interest, and prolonged listing durations.

To illustrate the adverse effects of cell tower placement on property values, we find it most compelling to reference excerpts from relevant sources. The examples provided below serve as representative instances that unmistakably highlight the detrimental impact on property values. Appraisers and real estate agents attest the negative impacts of cell towers near residences and decreased interest in properties.

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Petition

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Overview

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- Paul Harris. [Phone masts blight house sales](#). The Guardian. May 2003.
 - With such restricted employment, the value of their bungalow in the Shropshire countryside was a vital part of their retirement plans. But now that value has been almost halved by the phone mast outside their home. 'We tried to sell and everyone who came around would see what a lovely home we had and then see the mast so close to us and just leave,' Mrs Watts said. Their estate agent told them the mast would prevent them from selling their house at anything like the £189,000 it had been valued at. 'She said that if we wanted a quick sale, we would have to take our asking price down by £70,000-£80,000. That was just heartbreaking,' Mrs Watts said.
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 - "79% said under no circumstances would they ever purchase or rent a property within a few blocks of a cell tower or antenna."
- David E. Burgoyne. [Impact of Communication Towers and Equipment on Nearby Property Values](#); Burgoyne Appraisal Company. March 7, 2017.
 - "As a general matter, assuming two generally comparable areas, aesthetics will have the most significant impact on property values."
 - "As a general matter, visible utility structures do adversely affect property values."
 - "The impact will generally be related to the size of the facility, the characteristics of the facility, its location (including proximity), and visibility. That is to say, I would expect a tower or other structure that is larger than existing structures to have a greater impact on property values than a structure that is similarly sized and in keeping with other structures."
 - "In 32 years of experience as a Real Estate Appraiser specializing in detrimental conditions, takings, adverse impacts and right-of-way, I have found that aesthetics (or rather the adverse impact on aesthetics) of externalities routinely has the largest impact on property values. As a result, proximity to towers of all types (cell,

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 - "For properties located within 0.72 kilometers of the closest tower, results reveal significant social welfare costs with values declining 2.46% on average, and up to 9.78% for homes within tower visibility range compared to homes outside tower visibility range."
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 - "Results suggest proximity to cell phone towers can reduce selling price up to 7.6%."
- Lyle Laver. [Your new neighbor, a cell tower, may impact the value of your home](#). The National Business Post. March 29, 2022.
 - "Cellphone towers bring extra tax revenue and better reception to a section of the city, but many are skeptical because of the potential health risks and the impact on property values. Increasing numbers of people don't want to live near cell towers. In some areas with new towers, property values have decreased by up to 20%."
 - "In 2021, Moira Hahn and Mark Hotchkiss, who have lived at their Long Beach, Calif., address for the last 21 years, received notice from an AT&T subcontractor that a wireless facility would be installed 25 feet from their home. They said they were more concerned about the emissions than the tower's size and appearance. But five local licensed realtors told them the tower would lower their property's value by between 20% and 35% or more."

BIG TECH

Two Massachusetts Towns Call a Halt to 5G Towers Until FCC Complies With Court Order to Review Science

The residents of two Massachusetts towns on Monday voted to put a hold on 5G cell tower projects until the Federal Communications Commission completes a court-ordered review of the latest science related to the effect of radiofrequency radiation emissions on human health and the environment.

by **Suzanne Burdick, Ph.D.**

MAY 2, 2023

The residents of two Massachusetts towns on Monday voted to **put a hold on 5G cell tower projects** until the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) completes a court-ordered review of the latest science related to the effect of radiofrequency (RF) radiation emissions on human health and the environment.

The residents in Sheffield and Great Barrington said they will consider all applications from telecommunications companies seeking to build wireless infrastructure in their town as “incomplete” until the FCC reviews “studies from scientists independent from industry” who have “fully investigated” the “safety” of 5G small cell technology and until the agency has “updated” its RF radiation regulations based on the review’s findings.

The citizens passed this warrant — listed as **article 32** in Sheffield and **article 38** in Great Barrington — at their annual town hall meeting.

In the warrant, the residents cited two separate rulings by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit that mandated the FCC conduct such a review and noted that the FCC has failed to comply with the court orders.

The District of Columbia Circuit in a **2019 ruling** told the FCC it had to follow **National Environmental Policy Act** guidelines by conducting an environmental impact review for 5G small cell infrastructure projects.

The same court **ruled in 2021** that the FCC had not adequately **reviewed the scientific evidence** regarding the safety of RF radiation and 5G for humans and the environment — and that it must do so.

By failing to comply with the two court orders, the FCC has failed to adequately show that 5G radiation is safe for the environment or humans, according to Cecelia Doucette, a technology safety educator and the director of **Massachusetts for Safe Technology**.

The agency needs to thoroughly examine the scientific evidence of harm and update its RF exposure guidelines, Doucette told **The Defender**.

"The harm from wireless radiation is happening right now," she said. "It's up to us as citizens to create the change and we are so inspired by the hard work the voters in Sheffield and Great Barrington have put in."

She added:

"Every citizen should feel empowered to look at the science, work with their neighbors and towns, and put protections in place. It's just common sense once you know the facts.

"Don't wait for someone else to fix this for you, electropollution is too dangerous for us, our children and our pollinators."

Nina Anderson, president of the **Scientific Alliance for Education** (S.A.F.E.) — a non-profit focused on "educating the public on health issues that may or may not be public knowledge" — **called the vote** "the first step in trying to protect our towns from intrusion by industry who has not complied with the court order and not proven this technology is safe."

Children's Health Defense (CHD) last month **petitioned the FCC** to "**quit stalling**" and comply with the District of Columbia Circuit's **2021 order**.

The order stemmed from **CHD's historic win** in a case challenging the FCC's decision not to review its **1996 health and safety guidelines** for RF exposure.

The court in its **2021 ruling** said, "The FCC completely failed to acknowledge, let alone respond to, comments concerning the impact of RF radiation on the environment ... The record contains substantive evidence of potential environmental harms."

Patricia Burke of **Safe Tech International** told The Defender:

"When citizens begin to look more deeply at the issues regarding wireless safety, including the conclusions that the Circuit Court reached in its 2021 ruling against the FCC, they realize that there is a problem."

Burke said she was "so grateful to the sincere individuals who have been working behind the scenes in these towns and in others to facilitate conversations supporting necessary policy changes."

Vote coincides with 1,000 days of Pittsfield residents' battle with Verizon

The citizens of Sheffield and Great Barrington — both of which are agricultural communities — wanted “to be convinced that their crops will not suffer if the myriad of 5G transmitters negatively affect the bees,” according to a **S.A.F.E press release**.

The release stated:

“Their [the citizens] warrant asks for input from scientists who are independent from the telecom industry who can give an unbiased report.

“The petitioners related telecom’s rollout of 5G without sufficient research as similar to big tobacco’s promotion of cigarettes. It was years later and many cancer deaths before regulations were enacted limiting smoking in public places and adding warning labels to packaging.”

Voters “spoke out” saying they wanted to know that a similar fate would not come to pass for those suffering from electro-hypersensitivity syndrome “with no recourse to remove the transmitters causing the problem,” the release added.

Monday’s vote coincided with residents of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, marking **1,000 days** of being driven from their homes by a Verizon cell tower they allege **made them sick**.

The residents — who live in the “Shacktown” section of Pittsfield and are represented in court by lawyers supported by CHD — want Verizon to remove or relocate the tower and **currently await** a judge’s ruling on whether to allow their lawsuit to go forward or grant Verizon’s motion to dismiss the suit.



Suzanne Burdick, Ph.D.

Suzanne Burdick, Ph.D., is a reporter and researcher for The Defender based in Fairfield, Iowa.

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Subject: Opposition to Conditional Use Permit Request by Tidal Communications

Dear Members of the [Planning/Zoning] Board,

I urge the Board to deny the conditional use permit requested by Tidal Communications for construction of the proposed 230-foot communications tower at 12.5 mile. This proposal raises several significant concerns that would negatively affect the surrounding community and environment.

1. Airline Lighting and Light Pollution

At 230 feet, this tower will require aviation warning lights. This issue has been raised repeatedly in previous meetings and remains one of our major concerns. Such lighting will cause substantial light pollution, affecting a large number of surrounding residences. The character of our rural, wilderness-style area would be permanently altered by the intrusive nighttime visibility of this structure.

2. Property Value Impacts

On page 37 of Tidal's submission, the applicant cites studies showing that tower proximity can reduce property values by 2.65%–7.6%, with the strongest effects within 200 meters. There are five homes within this radius. Given the remote and scenic nature of our area, it is reasonable to expect that prospective homebuyers would be deterred by the presence of a large industrial tower.

3. Lack of Demand for Additional Service

This project is unnecessary. Reliable, high-speed internet is already available in the area through Alaska Power & Telephone (AP&T) and Starlink. Starlink has no capacity concerns and provides high-quality service on a household basis without requiring large, outdated, or visually intrusive infrastructure.

4. Visual Impact

Pages 57–58 of the applicant’s packet illustrate in green how visible this tower would be across the surrounding landscape. From the water, one can clearly see the negative visual impact of existing 150-foot towers at 3 Mile and Shoemaker Bay. At 230 feet, the proposed tower would create an even more severe eyesore, degrading the natural and scenic quality of the 12 Mile area.

5. Limited Propagation Range and Redundant Coverage

According to Tidal’s own coverage map (page 59), the proposed tower’s coverage extends only from 11 Mile to 13 Mile—a roughly two-mile span. Constructing such a large industrial structure in the middle of a residential area for this limited range is unreasonable. The waterfront area already has adequate cell coverage, and Tidal does not currently provide mobile phone service. Their proposal to lease space to carriers is speculative and does not justify this project.

6. RF Safety and Health Concerns

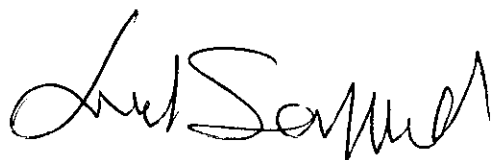
While Tidal has included documentation showing FCC compliance, legal compliance and genuine safety are not always equivalent. FCC standards often prioritize industry considerations over long-term health impacts. Tidal’s stated goal is to lease space to multiple providers, meaning cumulative emissions could exceed current FCC exposure limits.

On page 93, Tidal’s own materials describe non-ionizing radiation as potentially causing localized heating or photochemical reactions that “can cause permanent harm” and that “exposure should therefore be minimized.” Several families with young children live within 1,500 feet of the proposed site, most even closer. Given scientific uncertainty and the potential for harm, the precautionary principle should guide decision-making in favor of public health and safety.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above I respectfully urge the Board to deny Tidal’s conditional use permit for this tower.

Thank you for your time and consideration



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Leilani Sanford
12.9 mile Zimovia

To my fellow citizens on Wrangell serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 250-foot cellular tower at approximately 12.8 mile in Wrangell, Alaska. This project raises serious concerns about transparency, necessity, and community impact. A tower of this magnitude will permanently alter the natural and visual landscape of the Wrangell area, introducing an industrial eyesore and potential environmental and safety concerns in a community that values its natural beauty and residential character.

Tidal's attempt to frame this project as a "public benefit" is disingenuous. The public—the very residents this structure would directly affect—have repeatedly expressed that we do not want or need it. We already experience sufficient coverage in the area, and no one requested this project. It is not a public service when the public overwhelmingly opposes it. At the last meeting Tidal made it clear that their tower, once erected, would be available to lease to other companies for cell antenna placement, so clearly there is more than public need that is driving this request.

The company asserts that this location is "the best place" to ensure local reception. However, it is difficult to accept that claim when the only way to achieve signal viability, by their account, is to erect a 250-foot tower in a low-lying residential area near sea level. This raises legitimate questions about whether the site has been chosen for technical merit or corporate convenience. When the company originally received grant approval, it was for a structure of approximately 100 feet, not 250. To now propose a tower more than twice that height—without clear justification—appears to represent a significant departure from the original intent and from what was presented to funding authorities and to the public.

We choose to live "out the road" because of the remoteness and space afforded us and the privacy we cherish. We collect water, many have gardens, raise chickens..... and value our independence from most city and town related conveniences.

We are concerned about health impacts of strong RF signals from this tower from it's stated intent and further down the road when additional antenna are added to it. Although there are studies that are inconclusive as to the negative health impacts of RF waves, there are also no studies that prove otherwise.

At the last Planning and Zoning meeting, their petition was declined. Your commission directed Tidal to confer with residents of the area and to provide base and additional information about this project to the residents "out the road."

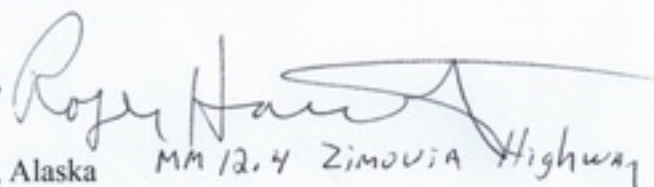
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I urge the permitting authorities and relevant agencies to deny the proposal in its current form and require the company to provide verifiable, independent evidence that:

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Wrangell residents deserve transparency, environmental stewardship, and genuine public input—not a corporate project disguised as a community need. If this project is truly to serve the people of Wrangell, perhaps a site on Woronofski Island is better suited for a tower.

Sincerely,



Wrangell, Alaska

MM 12.4 Zimovia Highway

Letter asking for denial of Tidal permit

From ELIZABETH FORTNER <fina2@aol.com>

Date Sat 11/1/2025 3:14 PM

To Kathleen Thomas <kthomas@wrangell.com>

Hi Kate,

I am unable to tune in to the Zoom meeting on Tuesday but Sylvia suggested that I write a letter voicing my concerns and so here it is...

Best~Liz

Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

At your last Planning and Zoning meeting, the petition to install a 100 ft. tall cellular tower was declined. Tidal was directed to confer with residents of the area and to provide base and additional information about this project to the residents “out the road.” This was to happen before Tidal reapplied for a permit.

That has not happened.

Considering that Tidal has now reapplied, and is asking for a 250’ tower, my neighbors and I believe that they absolutely do not care about what the residents want or need.

I urge the permitting authorities and relevant agencies to deny the proposal in its current form and require the company to provide verifiable, independent evidence that:

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2. No less intrusive, lower-elevation, or smaller-scale alternatives exist.

As Wrangell residents, we deserve transparency and genuine public input—not a corporate project disguised as a community need.

Please deny the current request for the cell tower as it now stands.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Fortner Guyor

November, 3, 2025

To: Planning and Zoning Commission:

Re: Proposed Tidal Tower

As a resident in the impacted area of the proposed cell/5G tower, I would like to register my opposition to the project.

Additionally, no one I know that lives out here is in favor of this project. Tidal, to my knowledge, has not performed any community outreach for our input. The need for this project does not exist. What will be our impact during construction? Increased traffic and noise and disruption for an unspecified time frame. After construction we have a massive unsightly tower that uses a technology that will be supplanted and likely obsolete by satellite internet and phone services in the next few years.

The perceived improvement in connectivity doesn't significantly increase speed, reduce our costs or improve reliability. The huge amount of investment (albeit private/tribal) just doesn't justify the perceived benefits. The expenditures could be better allocated to a larger pool of beneficiaries. Having a tower/project that provides 5 g internet to very few people is wasteful and irresponsible.

As a benefit to Wrangell as a whole, does this project create any full time jobs? Significantly increase the tax base?

I would urge either the denial of this permit or request that you require more definitive information and studies that the prove tower fills a needed service that cannot be accomplished in less intrusive ways.

Regards,

JAH

Jenn Hatch

PO Box 721

Physical: 11.7 Zimovia Highway

Wrangell, AK



Outlook

13 MILE TOWER

From Arlene's Mac Pro <fvvenus@aptalaska.net>

Date Fri 10/24/2025 6:52 PM

To Kathleen Thomas <KTHOMAS@wrangell.com>

YES ON THE TOWER !!

To my fellow citizens on Wrangell serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 250-foot cellular tower at approximately 12.8 mile in Wrangell, Alaska. This project raises serious concerns about transparency, necessity, and community impact. A tower of this magnitude will permanently alter the natural and visual landscape of the Wrangell area, introducing an industrial eyesore and potential environmental and safety concerns in a community that values its natural beauty and residential character.

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Sincerely, Byron Lee

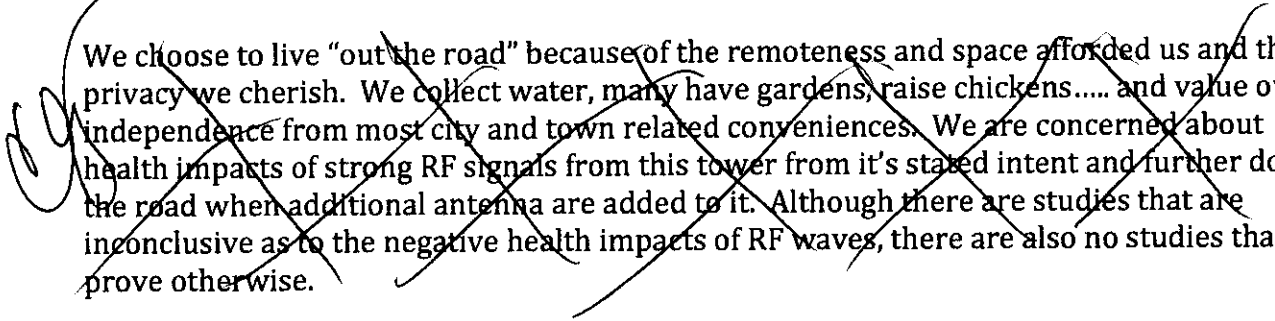

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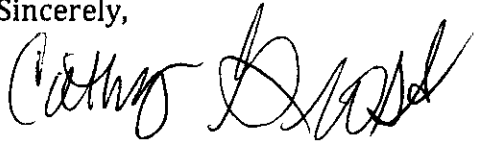
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Wrangell, Alaska

PLANNING ZONING

I APPROVE OF THE PROPOSED
TOWER AT 12.5 MILE ZIMOUA
HWY

10-23-2025

Delwayne Tomal
13 MILE ZIMOUA HWY

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The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is stylized and appears to be 'Sylvia'. The second signature on the right is more legible and appears to be 'John Verhey'.

Wrangell, Alaska

Sylvia Ettefagh & John Verhey
12.8 Mile Zimovia Highway
PO Box 2281

October 5, 2025

9/14/25

I am opposed to the communications tower proposed location at lot 8 block 5 of the Wrangell island west subdivision for the following reasons.

Health concerns. More studies need to be done on the long term effects of RF on humans. I've attached a PubMed study reviewing the existing scientific literature. This shows results of 3 types of effects of living near towers. Considering the all the studies reviewed globally 73% showed effects of RF. 73.9% RF sickness, 76.9% cancer, and 75% changes in biochemical parameters. I'm concerned for my family's health and don't want to find out in 5 years that we all have cancer from living 500ft from a communications tower.

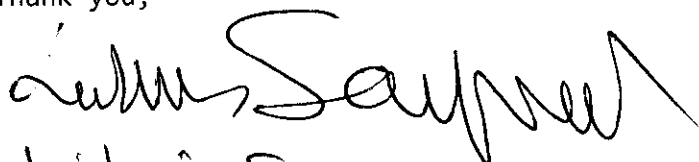
Appearance. At 250 feet tall all the surrounding properties will be within sight of this tower. If as the permit application says "much of the surrounding timber will likely limit the adjacent residences' viewshed of the tower itself; therefore, there are no anticipated appearance issues." the tower would be useless as it wouldn't stick up above the trees. This tower will be clearly visible from all the surrounding properties as well as the highway. if you disagree go take a look at the tower currently being installed in the 3 mile area. The tower proposed at the 12 mile area is 100 feet taller.

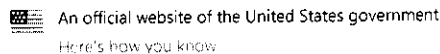
Power consumption. Towers use from 1-10 kw, so if we say an average of 5kw it translates to approximately 120 kwh per day. The average household consumes about 30kwh per day. Since the city routinely asks residents to conserve their power, this tower will be an unnecessary burden on our local resources.

Property values. According to the National association of Realtors property values decrease anywhere from 2-20% for homes within 1500 feet of communication towers. The 20% being for homes within sight of the tower.

Redundancy. Ap&T and Starlink are already available in this area, in addition to cell phone service with a booster antenna. This proposed tower adds no benefit to local residents. The residents of this area prefer the remote lifestyle provided by the lack of technology that is available closer to town. Those of us who choose to live out here are self reliant and prefer to be left to look at our trees and the water, not communication towers.

Thank you,


Leilani Sanford



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Evidence for a health risk by RF on humans living around mobile phone base stations: From radiofrequency sickness to cancer

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Abstract

The objective of this work was to perform a complete review of the existing scientific literature to update the knowledge on the effects of base station antennas on humans. Studies performed in real urban conditions, with mobile phone base stations situated close to apartments, were selected. Overall results of this review show three types of effects by base station antennas on the health of people: radiofrequency sickness (RS), cancer (C) and changes in biochemical parameters (CBP). Considering all the studies reviewed globally (n = 38), 73.6% (28/38) showed effects: 73.9% (17/23) for radiofrequency sickness, 76.9% (10/13) for cancer and 75.0% (6/8) for changes in biochemical parameters. Furthermore, studies that did not meet the strict conditions to be included in this review provided important supplementary evidence. The existence of similar effects from studies by different sources (but with RF of similar characteristics), such as radar, radio and television antennas, wireless smart meters and laboratory studies, reinforce the conclusions of this review. Of special importance are the studies performed on animals or trees near base station antennas that cannot be aware of their proximity and to which psychosomatic effects can never be attributed.

Keywords: Base station; Cell tower; Health; Mast; Microwave syndrome; RF radiation; Radar; Radio antennas.

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Chair and Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Tyler Riberio, and I'm a resident of the affected rural area. I'm asking you to deny—or at minimum, deem incomplete—the conditional use permit (CUP) for the proposed cell tower.

First, this project is fundamentally at odds with the purpose of this rural district: to preserve open viewsheds and an undeveloped character. By law, a tower of this proposed height will require aviation obstruction lighting. Yet the application contains no information about the type, intensity, or operating schedule of this lighting. In our setting—where the night sky is still truly dark—such lighting will be visible for miles. A white strobe by day and a pulsing red beacon by night will flash rhythmically against the skyline, washing the surrounding landscape in artificial light with every cycle. In winter, the glow will reflect off low clouds and snow, creating a constant halo in what is now a dark, quiet horizon. Aviation lighting will be the single most visible feature for miles, drawing the eye and changing the rural character permanently.

The applicant has not provided a meaningful alternatives analysis—such as re-siting, stealth/monopine treatment, reduced height, or co-location—nor complete photo simulations from key public vantage points across multiple seasons and sky conditions. This omission leaves the public unable to see, quite literally, what is being proposed.

This visual intrusion is not just aesthetic. The primary reason these properties are valuable is for their wild, scenic character. Studies in real estate economics consistently show that the introduction of visually intrusive infrastructure, particularly in scenic or undeveloped areas, can reduce nearby property values, sometimes substantially. Here, the combination of a tall tower, reflective antennas, and mandatory aviation lighting threatens both the enjoyment of the landscape and the long-term marketability of surrounding parcels.

Second, with respect to potential public-health considerations, I am not here to claim settled harm—but I am asking for settled answers. A review from the Swiss Institute of Public Health found that research in the 6–100 GHz range (relevant to some 5G deployments) is still limited and that better-designed studies are needed before firm conclusions can be drawn. A report from the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency similarly found no confirmed evidence of harm at low-level exposures above 6 GHz, but recommended future experimental studies with improved measurement and control methods. Work published by the National Institute for Public Health in Italy and research from the University of California both conclude that the knowledge base is incomplete and that additional, robust investigation is warranted before widespread rollouts. Even the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory has highlighted the need for more

realistic, methodologically strong exposure studies to fully understand potential biological effects.

Third—and this is dispositive for tonight—the CUP application is incomplete. The applicant has not provided essential specifications for the antennas and radios proposed for installation: manufacturer and model numbers, frequency bands, maximum effective radiated power (ERP/EIRP), antenna patterns and downtilt, number of sectors, planned carrier aggregation, or any future-ready equipment bays. The application also omits aviation lighting details, despite this being a legal requirement for a tower of this height. Without this information, neither the public, nor the Department of Economic Development, nor this Planning & Zoning Commission can meaningfully evaluate compliance with applicable RF exposure standards, cumulative exposure from co-location, realistic alternatives to reduce height or power, noise from active antenna systems, the tower's true visual profile, or the nightscape impact from aviation lighting.

A conditional use permit is, by definition, discretionary and impact-driven. You cannot make the required findings when core technical and operational information is missing. With these deficiencies, it is clear that the applicant does not have a fully developed plan of operations and cannot be permitted to construct these improvements. I therefore respectfully request that you:

1. Find the application incomplete; and
2. Require a resubmittal that includes full antenna/radio specifications, complete photo simulations from key viewpoints, a good-faith alternatives analysis, an assessment of potential property value impacts, and a full aviation lighting plan.

Only then can the community and your staff offer informed comments on whether this tower—at this height, with its flashing night beacons and year-round visual presence—belongs in a district meant to protect rural character, scenic views, and the economic value of open space.

Thank you for your time.

10-24-25

Planning & Zoning

I am All for having

a tower At 12.5 ml

thank you

12.5 mile

Rick Anderson

Support of 12.5 Mile Cell Tower

From Rod Rhoades <tmad686@gmail.com>

Date Wed 10/15/2025 2:25 PM

To Kathleen Thomas <KThomas@wrangell.com>

Good Afternoon Kate,

I would like to lend my support for the installation of the Cell Tower being proposed for 12.5 Mile.

I understand that the folks who will be installing the tower have made a presentation to the public that addresses the various concerns, i.e., height and radiation, and have demonstrated that the various issues have been addressed to my satisfaction.

I understand that this tower will rise 250 feet and that due to the terrain and height of the standing forest, it will be largely hidden.

As to the concern of radiation - anyone that has a cellphone/uses a cell phone experiences radiation in excess of the tower every time the phone is used. This question was raised prior to the implementation of WML&P's 'smart meters', and I did extensive research on the subject. Consequently, I gave no fears concerning the installation of a cell tower at 12.5 Mile.

Finally, it must be recognized that there are many cell phone 'dead zones' along Zimovia Highway. In our modern world, our cell phones are now a necessary part of life, whether we are happy about that or not. The installation of this cell tower would give cell phone life to those of us who live south of the 8 Mile Beach area, as well as anyone needing cell phone coverage in Zimovia Strait, which should be considered an important improvement in safety reliability. Considering that we all experienced the "slide" together, and how important communication was, I would consider installation of this cell tower essential.

Thank you for receiving this message of support for the 12.5 Mile Cell Tower.

Regards,

Rod and Stina Rhoades

12.7 Mile, Zimovia Highway

Wrangell, 99929

1-907-831-9066

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Sincerely,

Scott Young

Name:

12 mile Zamouia Hwy

Physical Address:

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Sincerely,



Name:

KAREN A. PAVLUK

Physical Address:

12.3 MILE ZIMOVIA HWY
WRANGELL, AK 99929

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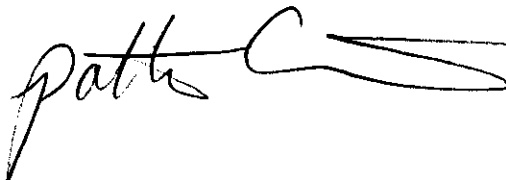
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Sincerely,

Name:

Patty Green



Physical Address:

12.3

12.4

13. miles

To my fellow citizens in Wrangell serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 250-foot cellular tower at approximately 12.8 mile in Wrangell, Alaska. This project raises serious concerns about transparency, necessity, and community impact. A tower of this magnitude will permanently alter the natural and visual landscape of the Wrangell area, introducing an industrial eyesore and potential environmental and safety concerns in a community that values its natural beauty and residential character.

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Sincerely,

Robin Wood

Name: Robin Wood

Physical Address:

11.6 Zimovia Hwy

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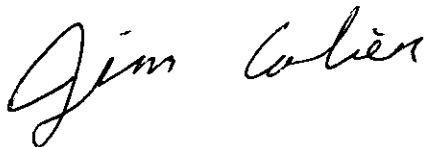
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Sincerely,



Name:

JIM COLIER

Physical Address:

12.3 MILE ZIMOVIA

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Sincerely,



Name: Jim Anderson

Physical Address:

13.2 ZIMOVIA Hwy
WRANGELL, AK.

To my fellow citizens on Wrangell serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission,

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Wrangell, Alaska

Mary E. Dwyer ^{Mary} Thomas Rooney Sr

October 30, 2025

Thomas Rooney Sr

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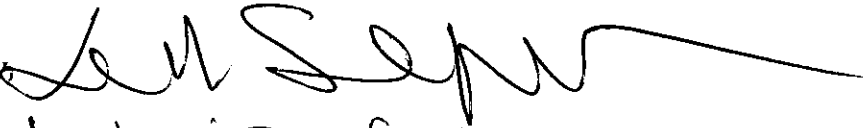
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leilani Sanford', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leilani Sanford

Wrangell, Alaska

12.9 Zimovia

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Physical Address:

14 mile Zimovia Hwy

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Physical Address:

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Elizabeth M Tokar-McGill

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Physical Address:

mile 11.8 Zimovia Hwy

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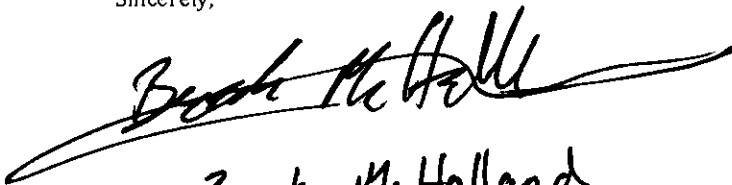
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Name: Brook McHolland

Physical Address:

13 mile Timber Avenue

Technical Information Regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission

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Sandra Stuart *Sandra Stuart*
12 mile Rd
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Olivia Strano



Wrangell, Alaska

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Regina Spiff
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aka Lorraine Hry

Wrangell, Alaska

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Craig Purviance

Name:

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Physical Address:

11.5 Zimovia Hwy
Wrangell, AK. 99929

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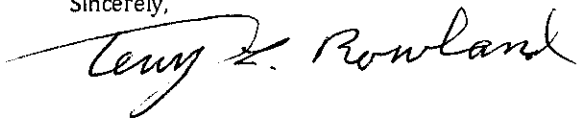
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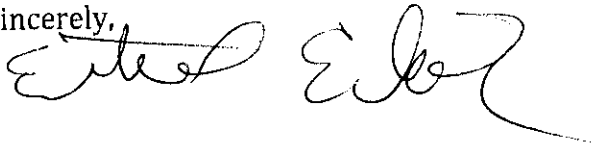
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Wrangell, Alaska

Jackie	Eilertsen
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1 family

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Wrangell, Alaska

James Eilertsen

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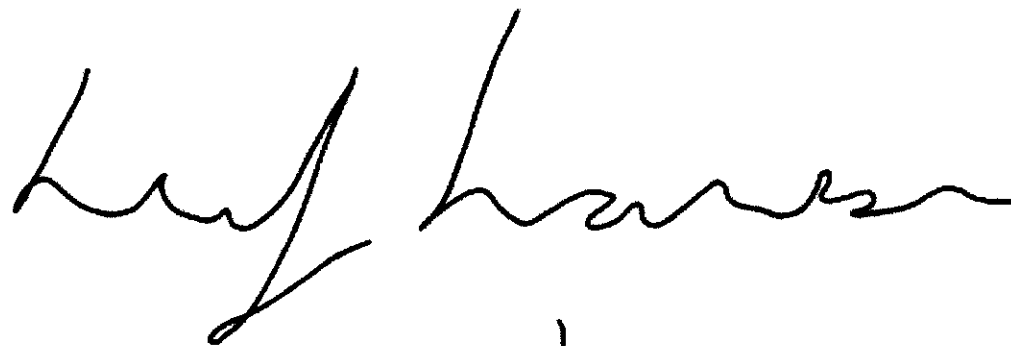
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Leif Larsson
1225 mile Zmova Hwy

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Deanna Horner

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~~12.5~~ 12.5 mile Zimovia Hwy Hemlock #3
PO Box 74
Wrangell AK 99729

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Robert L. Kizzia 12.8 mile 21.00 in Hwy

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Joan Sargent, 12.7 mile Zimovia Hwy

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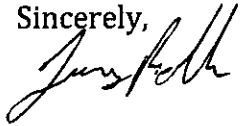
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Sincerely,



JEREMY PADILLA
12.5 mi Zimovza Hwy.

Wrangell, Alaska

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 250-foot cellular tower at approximately 12.8 mile in Wrangell, Alaska. This project raises serious concerns about transparency, necessity, and community impact. A tower of this magnitude will permanently alter the natural and visual landscape of the Wrangell area, introducing an industrial eyesore and potential environmental and safety concerns in a community that values its natural beauty and residential character.

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Sincerely,

Kim W. Kuen 12.75 mile


Wrangell, Alaska

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Sincerely,



Name: Jonna Krutz

Physical Address:

11.9 mile Zimovica Hwy, Wrangell, AK

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 250-foot cellular tower at approximately 12.8 mile in Wrangell, Alaska. This project raises serious concerns about transparency, necessity, and community impact. A tower of this magnitude will permanently alter the natural and visual landscape of the Wrangell area, introducing an industrial eyesore and potential environmental and safety concerns in a community that values its natural beauty and residential character.

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Sincerely,

Name: JAMES MCCOMBS

Physical Address: 11.6 MILES ZIMOVIA
WRANGELL AK 99929

James C McCombs

To my fellow citizens in Wrangell serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 250-foot cellular tower at approximately 12.8 mile in Wrangell, Alaska. This project raises serious concerns about transparency, necessity, and community impact. A tower of this magnitude will permanently alter the natural and visual landscape of the Wrangell area, introducing an industrial eyesore and potential environmental and safety concerns in a community that values its natural beauty and residential character.

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Sincerely,

Lezlie J Rice

Name:

Lezlie J. Rice

Physical Address:

11.8 Zimovia Hwy
Wrangell, AK 99929

To my fellow citizens on Wrangell serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 250-foot cellular tower at approximately 12.8 mile in Wrangell, Alaska. This project raises serious concerns about transparency, necessity, and community impact. A tower of this magnitude will permanently alter the natural and visual landscape of the Wrangell area, introducing an industrial eyesore and potential environmental and safety concerns in a community that values its natural beauty and residential character.

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Sincerely,

Anna Klein hof
11.2 mile Zingvira
Anna Klein hof

Wrangell, Alaska

To my fellow citizens on Wrangell serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a 250-foot cellular tower at approximately 12.8 mile in Wrangell, Alaska. This project raises serious concerns about transparency, necessity, and community impact. A tower of this magnitude will permanently alter the natural and visual landscape of the Wrangell area, introducing an industrial eyesore and potential environmental and safety concerns in a community that values its natural beauty and residential character.

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Sincerely, Byron Lee

Wrangell, Alaska

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Sincerely,

Daniel David

Wrangell, Alaska

11.4 Zimovia Hwy

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Sincerely,

Larry Daly
Larry DALY

Wrangell, Alaska

11.4 Zimivooq WHY

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Sincerely,

Richard T. Owens
11.4 mile

Wrangell, Alaska

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Wrangell, Alaska

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