

# Wireless Ordinance Public Hearing



CITY *of* CALABASAS

City Council March 24, 2021

# Background

- June 2019: Dec 2019 Citywide Survey
  - Over 1,058 survey responses collected
- March 2020: City Council Discussion
- April 2020: CTC Discussion
- July 2020: CTC Discussion
  - CTC Memo to City Council
- August 2020: City Council Discussion
  - City Council directed staff to prepare a draft ordinance
- November 2020: Industry Meeting
- December 2020: HOA Meeting
- February 2021: CTC Public Hearing



# Current Ordinance

- Section 17.12.050 of the CMC:
  - Regulates all wireless facilities, including those within the public right-of-way
    - Wireless Telecommunication Facility Permit
    - Minor Modification Permit
    - Small Wireless Facility Permit
  - Regulates Satellite Dishes and Radio Antennas



# Draft Ordinance

- Relocate WTF Ordinance to its own Chapter 17.31, maintaining satellites and radio antennas in Section 17.12.050
- Add a new Tier 1 Permit for stealth facilities to be reviewed with a streamlined process, based on objective design standards and no public hearing
- Allow Tier 1 facilities in residential and open space zones that are already developed and under common ownership
- Allow Tier 1 facilities on Arterial and Collector Roads, including within gated communities
- Allow Tier 1 facilities to be located within 1,000 feet of a school, park or residential land uses.

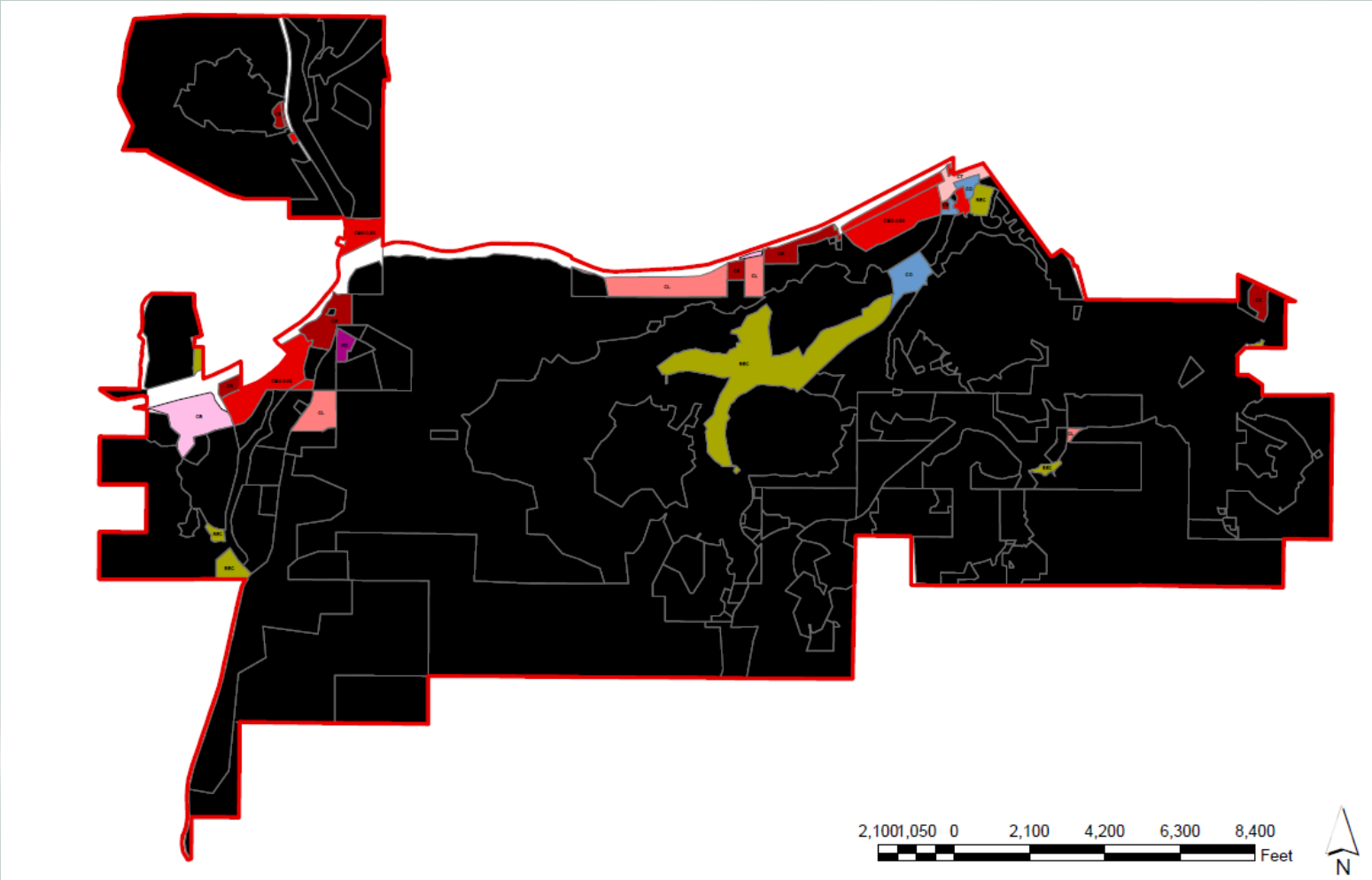


# Permit Types

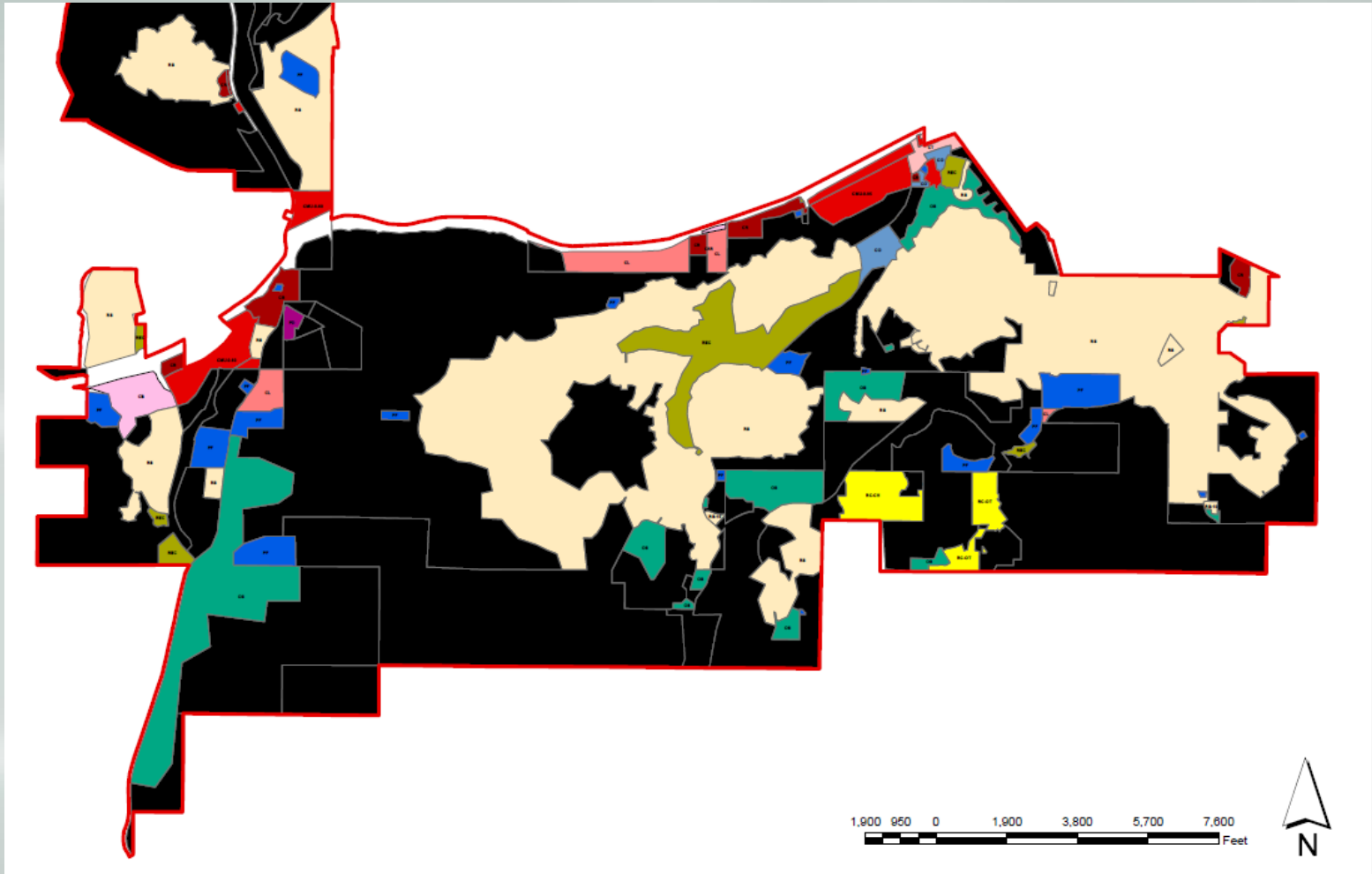
| Permit Type                    | Public Hearing                      | Notification Radius | Review Authority |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Tier 1 Permit                  | No                                  | N/A                 | Staff            |
| Tier 2 Permit                  | Yes, 30 day hearing notice          | 1,500 ft            | CTC              |
| Small Wireless Facility Permit | No; however, notice of complete app | 300 ft              | Staff            |
| Minor Modification Permit      | Yes, 10 day hearing notice          | 300 ft              | CDD              |



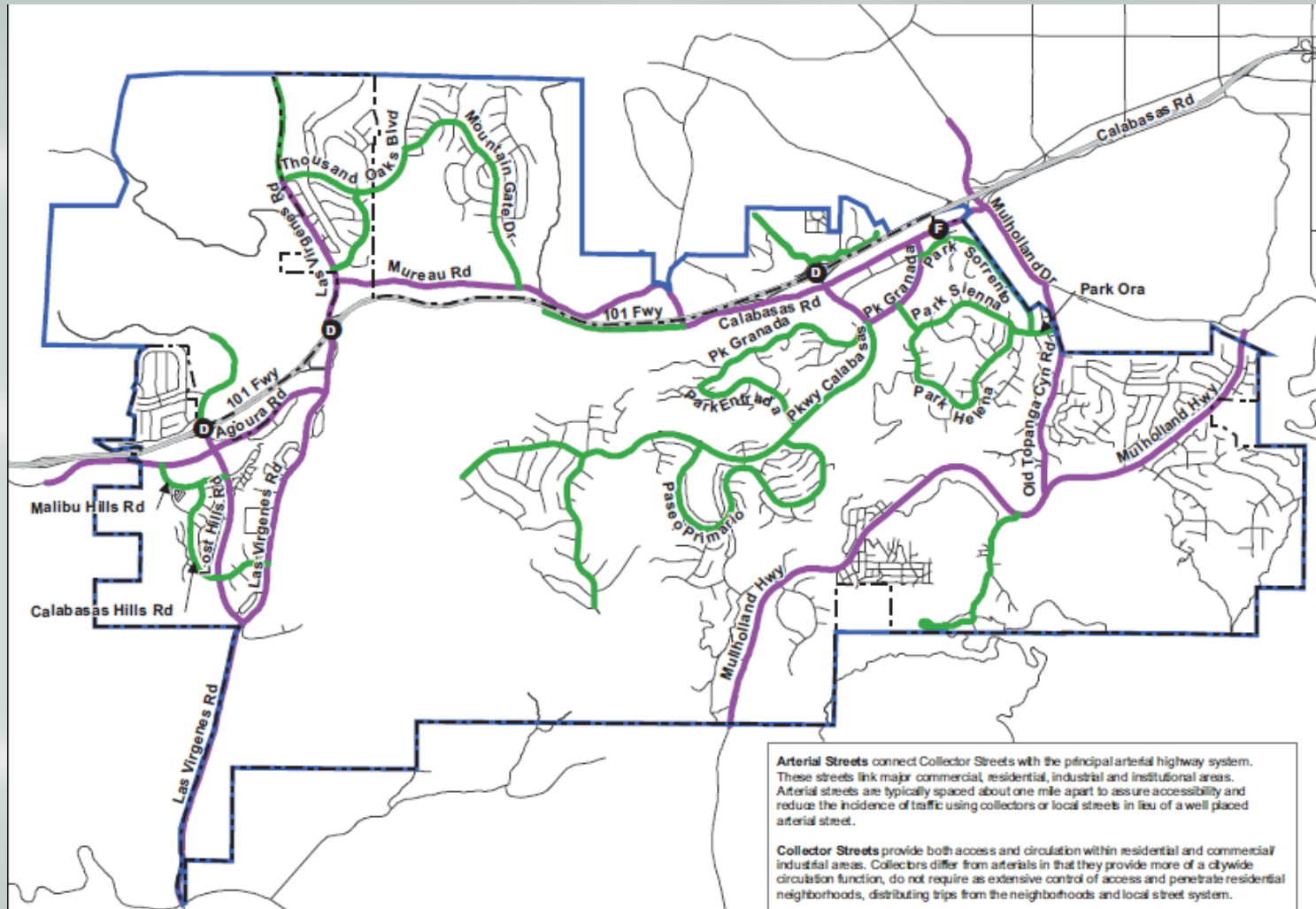
# Prohibited Locations



# Allowed Tier 1



# Allowed Tier 1



## WIRELESS FACILITY ORDINANCE

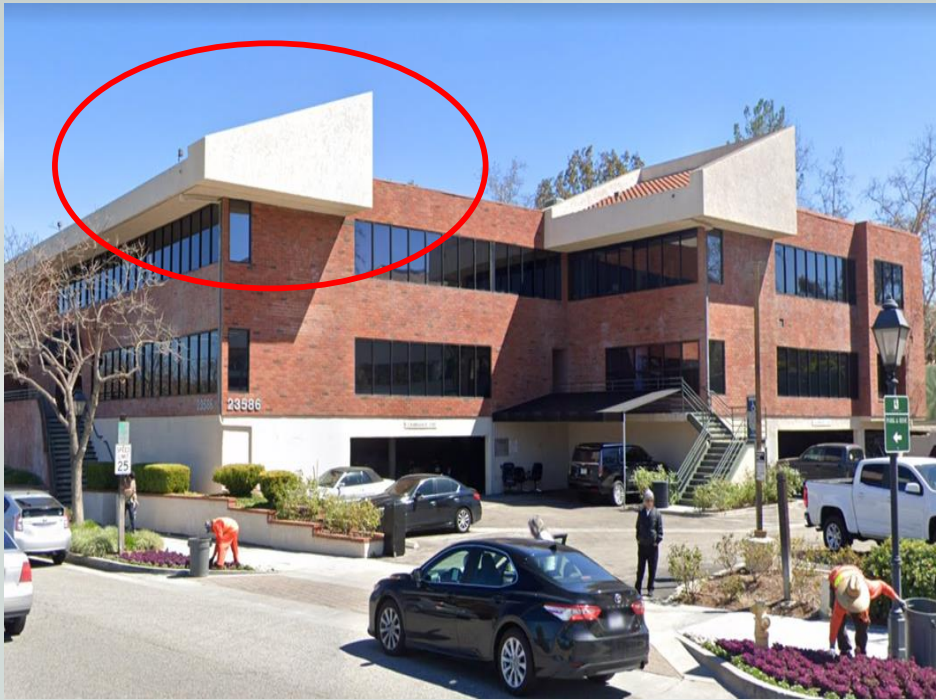
City Council  
March 24, 2021





# Tier 1 Examples





Tier 1 Example



Tier 2 Example





# Design Guidelines

- Intended to supplement the requirements outlined in the draft ordinance
- Provides design review criteria for stealth facilities
- Includes pictures of acceptable stealth facilities for the right-of-way and non right-of-way facilities



Figure 8: Unsuccessful example outside Calabasas; antennas mounted on the facade of the tower feature rather than inside the feature, and the tower feature itself is not compatible in scale or design with surrounding context.

(Image Source: TLF)



Figure 9: Successful example outside Calabasas; all equipment concealed within feature and is architecturally compatible with existing roof.

(Image Source: TLF)



# Staff Conclusions

- The draft ordinance meets the required findings in Section 17.76.050(B) of the CMC, for approval of amendments to the Development Code.
- Staff recommends a fee reduction for 18 months after the ordinance goes into effect, rather than an expiration of the ordinance.
- The Design Guidelines would supplement the ordinance, and should be adopted by reference, and allowed to be modified from time to time by the CTC.
- The proposed amendments to the CMC are exempt from additional CEQA review per Section 15061(b)(3).



# CTC Review and Recommendation for Approval

- On February 25, 2021 the Communications and Technology Commission (CTC) reviewed the draft ordinance at a public hearing
- The CTC unanimously adopted CTC Resolution No. 2021-044 recommending adoption of the ordinance by the City Council with minor typographical revisions.



# Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2021-391, amending CMC Sections 17.11.010 and 17.12.050, and adding a new Chapter 17.31 related to Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.

