

**CITY OF FOREST LAKE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 765

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV, CHAPTER 153, SECTION 153.065, SECTION 153.069
AND 153.092, PERTAINING TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST LAKE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Title XV, Chapter 153, Section 153.065 COMPREHENSIVE USE TABLE of the Forest Lake City Code is hereby amended by allowing Towers – Accessory, and Towers – Permitted, through a Conditional Use Permit.

Section 2. Amendment. Title XV, Chapter 153, Section 153.069 SINGLE-FAMILY (SF) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS of the Forest Lake City Code is hereby amended as follows. The **bold and underline** text are proposed additions to the code, the ~~strikeout~~ deletes text, and all other Section text shall remain unchanged.

(E) Conditional uses. Subject to applicable provisions of this chapter, the following are conditional uses in the SF District (requires a conditional use permit based upon procedures set forth in and regulated by § 153.034).

2. Accessory uses.

(d) Tower, when located on a property guided Public/Institutional on the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (see § 153.092).

Section 3. Amendment. Title XV, Chapter 153, Section 153.092 STANDARDS FOR USES of the Forest Lake City Code is hereby amended as follows. The **bold and underline** text are proposed additions to the code, the ~~strikeout~~ deletes text, and all other Section text shall remain unchanged.

Towers

(2) Performance standards for all towers.

(e) The tower location shall provide the maximum amount of screening for off-site views of the facility. The city reserves the right to require creative design measures to camouflage facilities by integrating them with existing buildings and among other existing uses. Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent practicable.

(n) The tower shall be located **a minimum of** twice the tower height to any residential dwelling other than the dwelling on the parcel on which the tower is to be located or **setback** a

minimum **distance** of the tower height from any property line. However, towers must meet the setback in the zoning district they are located in if the setback is greater than the height of the tower. **For purposes of this subsection, “residential dwelling” includes the principal residential structure and any accessory structure associated with a residential dwelling.**

- (5) Tower standards by districts. Towers are regulated differently depending on the zoning district in which the property is located. The following are the standards in each district:

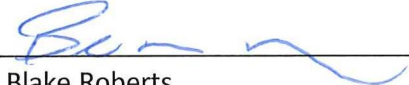
- (a) Rural residential **and Single-family residential** districts.

3. Towers shall be designed to incorporate stealth or camouflage techniques that minimize visual impacts and are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

Passed in regular session of the City Council on the 26th day of January 2026.

CITY OF FOREST LAKE

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Blake Roberts
Its: Mayor

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By: 
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Its: Assistant City Administrator

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