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Clarkdale Considers Cell Tower Ordinance

Clarkdale, AZ (June 12, 2013) – For the past 3 months, the Clarkdale Planning Commission and Clarkdale Town Council have been holding public meetings to discuss the adoption of a Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance (a “cell tower” ordinance). Since the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that the Town have at least one district where these facilities are allowed, and the Town has had several inquiries from companies who are interested in siting towers, the Town must move forward to adopt regulations.

During their June 11, 2013 meeting, the Town Council directed the staff to schedule final consideration of the ordinance at the July 9, 2013 Council meeting. The ordinance, as currently drafted, includes the following highlights:

- Prohibits wireless facilities in Residential Zoning districts;
- Allows wireless facilities, with up to 50’ towers, in Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts with a Conditional Use Permit; with the following exception:
 - Prohibits such facilities in the Highway 89A Overlay District due to the impacts on viewshed
- Establishes an area within an existing Industrial Zoning District (near the historic Clarkdale Smelter site) where towers with a maximum 200 foot height would be allowed;
- Requires Public Hearings at the Planning Commission and Town Council for any Wireless Communications Facilities Conditional Use Permit applications;

The next meeting on this issue will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Men’s Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. 9th Street, in Clarkdale. The Town Council will be scheduled to consider adoption of the ordinance at this meeting. For more information about the proposed Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance, or to get a copy of the draft ordinance, contact Senior Planner Beth Escobar at (928) 639-2500 or email Beth.Escobar@clarkdale.az.gov