

PANOLA COUNTY RADIO AND COMMUNICATION TOWER REGULATIONS

All communication towers which are not co-located on existing facilities, or exceed 180 feet in height may be approved by the Panola County Land Development Commission under the following guidelines.

1. Application filed with the Panola County Land Development Office with signature of applicant and property owner.
2. Site plan, developed by certified engineer or surveyor.
3. Vicinity map showing the location of the proposed site within the county.
4. Evidence from the applicant that all alternatives to tower construction have been exhausted. This evidence must include, but not limited to the following:
 - a. A study showing any towers within ½ mile radius to the site.
 - b. A detailed statement as to why existing towers are not usable.
 - c. An illustration of the applicant's existing towers in the area.
 - d. A detailed statement as to how new tower construction will expand coverage in Panola County.
5. Setbacks from property lines shall be a minimum of 50 feet.
6. Fencing: At least 6 feet high security fence (chain link is acceptable) surrounding tower and all service equipment including guy-wire anchoring. All fencing shall be setback a minimum of 10 feet from all service equipment including guy-wire anchoring.
7. Lighting and other safety features as required by FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)
8. Abandonment and Removal: Any tower that is not operated for a continuous period of six months shall be considered abandoned and the owner of such tower shall remove it within 90 days after receiving notice from Panola County. If the tower is not removed within that 90-day period, the governing body may order the tower removed, If the tower owner cannot be located or is no longer in business, the requirements of this section shall be the responsibility of the land owner on whose property the wireless communication tower is located.
9. Signed statement from tower owner and property owner acknowledging abandonment and removal of the tower not operated for a continuous period of six months.
10. Commencement of Work: No site preparation until after application is approved by the Panola County Land Development Commission.
11. Disclaimer of Liability: Panola County shall not at any time be liable for injury or damage occurring to any person or property from any cause whatsoever arising out of the construction, maintenance, repair, use, operation, condition or dismantling of a tower/wireless communication system.