

3580 TOWER ROAD ZONING NARRATIVE

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 Management Department

Applicant Site Name: SD0260 Skyline

Project Description: Placement of antennas on existing communication tower and ground based radio equipment cabinets as shown on submitted drawings.

Legal Description: BALANCE OF LOT B OF LOT C OF NW1/4 LESSRTY & LESS PT OF THOMPSON TOWER TRACT

Location: 3850 Tower Road, Rapid City, SD 57702

Property Owner: Golden West Tele-Tech, Inc.
 415 Crown Street
 Wall, SD 57790

Zoning: General Commercial

Objectives:

This site is part of the "I Wireless" (aka T-Mobile) nationwide network currently expanding into Western South Dakota. This site is a crucial part to a designed network as indicated by the attached coverage map. The primary objective is to provide service to Southwest Rapid City area along Highway 16.

Location:

The existing communication tower is the only existing wireless communication site in the area that fits within the designed network. In utilizing the Golden West location, SWS will be able to provide new coverage, meet network coverage objectives and minimize the proliferation of communication towers by utilizing this existing communication tower. Thus furthering the City's need to expand technology and allow alternative and competitive communication services while minimizing the visual clutter.

Site Details:

SWS is proposing to attach 6 antennas to the top of the existing communication tower and place ground based equipment cabinets next to the tower. The ground based equipment will consist of four 30" deep by 31" wide by 77" high cabinets.

Ordinance Compliance:

Wireless communications are already established and permitted on the site. SWS met with City Staff in a pre-submittal meeting and it was determined that additional parking is not required for collocation. There are currently 9 antennas and two microwave dishes on the tower. SWS is proposing this collocation in lieu of constructing a new communication tower and requests that the Board allow 6 antennas on the tower and the ground based equipment as proposed. All other criteria are consistent with Section 17.