

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance adding Section 91.3108.1 to Article 1 of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require a 1.5 Importance Factor for construction of cellular communications towers and ensure seismic safety

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Section 91.3108 is added to Article 1 of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 91.3108. TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCAST TOWERS.**

Section 3108 of the CBC is adopted by reference, except Section 3108.1 of the CBC is not adopted and, in lieu, Section 91.3108.1 is added.

**91.3108.1. General.** Towers shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the provisions of TIA-222. For structural design purposes, telecommunication towers shall be considered to be a "Class III Structure" subject to an Importance Factor of 1.50, as set forth in Table 2-3, Importance Factors, of TIA-222. Towers shall be designed for seismic loads; exceptions related to seismic design listed in Section 2.7.3 of TIA-222 shall not apply. In Section 2.6.6.2 of TIA 222, the horizontal extent of Topographic Category 2, escarpments, shall be 16 times the height of the escarpment.

**EXCEPTION:** Single free-standing poles used to support antennas not greater than 75 feet (22 860 mm), measured from the top of the pole to grade, shall not be required to be noncombustible.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

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