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## **Installation of Small Wireless Facilities**

**Village of Hammond:** A new law in Illinois, signed by Governor Bruce Rauner on April 12, 2018, allows that additional telecommunication hardware may be added to utility poles, light poles and other structures in the public right-of-way as wireless carriers implement 5G technology and enhance cellular transmission.

On July 11, 2018 the Village of Hammond Board of Trustees passed an ordinance to implement the regulations allowed by the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act (Public Act 100-0585). New devices, commonly known as “small cells,” and antennas could start to be installed on authorized structures throughout our community.

The ordinance requires wireless telecommunications providers to submit permit applications and pay applicable fees up to the limits in state law for the use of the public right-of-way. It also gives the municipality the authority to propose alternate placements within 100 feet of the requested site to help ensure the integrity of the right-of-way.

The ordinance protects our ability to provide public safety services to residents as needed, while ensuring access to new 5G technology. The Village of Hammond looks forward to improved opportunities through additional technological advancements.

If you have any questions about the installation of these small cell devices, please contact Brenda Sebens, Village Clerk/Treasurer, 217-262-3431.

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