

Today, Verizon, AT&T, and other telecommunications companies will be attaching an antenna about 3 feet high atop the poles while also adding three other panel antennas onto them.

Unfortunately, despite vigorous legal battles waged across the country, municipalities like Cliffside Park are unable to either curtail or modify the upcoming work.

That's because, in June 2020, the Federal Communications Commission approved these so-called cell tower upgrades, effectively overruling local communities and counties fighting to stop it. The roadmap for those future upgrades was approved by law by the US Congress in 2012 and earlier under the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

In August 2020, the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the major portions of the FCC's plans, ruling against the city of Portland which challenged it on behalf of tens of thousands of communities like Cliffside Park. The ruling acknowledged that it was made despite resistance from "*local governments unhappy with the proliferation of cell towers and other 5G transmission facilities dotting our urban landscape.*"

Now, though we are being legally coerced into accepting this new reality, we have taken crucial steps needed to ensure the new 5G Ultra Wideband work is as seamless as possible without further disrupting your quality of life. Our legal team has carefully reviewed all land-use procedures applicable to the small cell installations. And have ensured that utility companies will not narrow sidewalks, impact handicapped ramps, or otherwise impose any safety hazards for our residents.

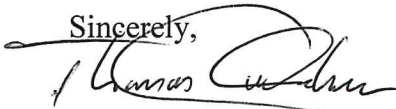
Tax revenues will also be generated by the required \$1,000 permits and \$270 annual fees for each small cell tower.

For those of you who might be frustrated about the need to speak out, you may contact the FCC's Consumer Complaint Center at their website at <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us>.

And if you encounter any issues with work being performed, please contact the borough construction official at 201-313-2042.

Thanks for your patience and understanding, and I am hopeful that the 5G Ultra Wideband services will ultimately offset any discomfort you might feel over the utility work.

Sincerely,



Mayor Tom Calabrese