



AT&T DISMISSES CELL TOWER LAWSUITS

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In 2021 and 2022, two applications were filed seeking conditional use permits authorizing construction of an AT&T telecommunications tower at 3802 Karnes Road. Both of these applications drew extensive community opposition. The City Council considered each application, determined they fell short of the requirements of the City's code, and denied them. After the City Council's denial of each of the applications, AT&T filed lawsuits in federal court seeking rulings that would allow construction of the tower. Following months of litigation in which the City vigorously defended the validity of the City Council's determinations, AT&T recently dismissed the lawsuits with the City's consent.

The company has now filed an application to construct an alternative telecommunications tower at 3914 Karnes Road. The alternative location listed in the new application is adjacent to and on the same side of Interstate 29 as the water tower holding AT&T's existing telecommunications facilities. The location is also further from single-family, owner-occupied residential property. Construction of a tower at the new location will require City Council approval of a conditional use permit and other customary administrative approvals.

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