

This appeal is made pursuant to Sonoma County Code Chapter Section 26-92-160 for the following specific reasons:

- Someone at the BZA hearing questioned my building site area on the property, it is the west side 30% of the parcel, North at the road to South at the top elevation. This area is the only area with a gentle slope to accommodate the septic system, that I have already had preliminary work done for, and a bridge and road. The East 70% is too steep to build on, leaving just the west side which is closest to the proposed building site for the tower and generator.
- I have tried countless times to retain an attorney to counsel me and my wife before the BZA hearing, and we are still trying to find out where we stand legally on this matter. We just cannot take anyone's word for it. This property is meant to be an investment for retirement or retirement home site.
- The revaluation of my property from having a cell tower and 30KW diesel generator within a couple hundred feet from my building envelope due to noise and aesthetics.
- I believe that the BZA Board did not understand the actual run time that this generator will have. They are under the impression that it will only run for 15 mins at a time, 2x a week, during daytime hours. When in fact, it will run 24/7 as soon as there is a power outage or a PSPS in the area. These events occur often in the area and it is my understanding that the proposed area for the tower is near the end of the power line, meaning power will likely not be restored to the area for up to 30+ days. This leaves ample time that the generator will be running constantly, much more than the disclosed 15-minute maintenance periods.
- The quarry site would be better in terms of coverage to Calistoga side, benefitting a larger population. Is this right? This current site is in the middle of the burn scars of the Tubbs fire.
- It is estimated the sound decibels at my property line 195 ft away are estimated at 35 Db, which I understand to be like 2 people talking loudly. In a quiet, wooded, and open forest area, that sound will carry a long distance and be clear.
- I reviewed tower information from the Verizon consultant, but there was quite a bit more information provided the morning of the meeting that I did not have access to prior. I am still going through that material.



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Receipt for: UPE19-0089

Record Information

Record Number	Record Name	Site Address	APN
UPE19-0089	Use Permit	4500 Porter Creek Rd A, Santa Rosa [MWS]	120-210-009

Payment Information

Receipt #	Date	Cashier	Method	Comment	Transaction Amount
572879	12/21/2020	CHUFF	ACA Manual		\$1,209.00

Payor

JIM HAMMERICH / AQ0E6CB6FF9D

Total Amount: \$1,209.00

Fee Information

Description	Fee Item	Invoice#	Amount
Appeal	1011-000	400592	\$1,209.00
Total Fee Amount:			\$1,209.00

From: [Jim Hammerich](#)
To: [Gary Helfrich](#)
Subject: Re: Notice of Waiver Response
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:31:14 AM

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Gary,
If the tower can't be moved, yes, I would like to request a hearing by the Board of Zoning Adjustments.
Thank you.

Jim Hammerich
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On Jun 15, 2020, at 9:09 AM, Gary Helfrich <Gary.Helfrich@sonoma-county.org> wrote:

Hi Jim,

I understand your concern regarding the location of the proposed cell tower on the property next to yours. From earlier communications with Verizon's representatives, this location was chosen because it was as far as possible from property lines while still maintaining sufficient coverage to fill in gaps in their coverage. I'll contact Verizon this morning to see if there is anything that can be done.

If the tower cannot be moved, I need to know if you are requesting that the Board of Zoning Adjustments hear this project.

Gary

Gary Helfrich

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From: Jim Hammerich <soaauto@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Gary Helfrich <Gary.Helfrich@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: Notice of Waiver Response

EXTERNAL

Mr. Helfrich,
I've attached my response to the Notice of Waiver I received. I've also enclosed as an attachment a copy of my Lidar.

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June 14,2020

Mr. Gary Helfrich,

I am writing to you about the planned cell tower, permit Sonoma file# UPE 19-0089 @ 4500 Porter Creek Road, AP# 120-210-009. After our conversation Friday afternoon, I had to decide where I was with this; "For the cell tower, against it, or did I care?" I realize this is necessary for people in this area with Verizon service, due to fires and emergencies. I started 2+ years ago to develop my parcel but the fires, work, and now COVID-19 have made it very slow.

As another option can we see if there is another site on the 30 acre parcel that will work for the cell tower and enclosure, possibly more to the west? My only building envelope is the Southwest corner of my parcel, AP# 120-210-049, which is approximately 560' +/- east of the cell site, this is the only area because of 200' set-backs, topographical requirements, and septic area. Looking at my Lidar of the area, my building envelope is at 1125' +/- elevation, the cell tower site would be at the 1146' +/- elevation, just 560' west of my envelope. All in all I need to go on record as against the location on this 30 acre site. The cell tower and the 30KW generator that close to me will de-value my parcel without compensation.

Thank you,
James Neal Hammerich
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