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**Mountlake Terrace Council Places Moratorium on
Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in BC/D Zone**

A moratorium on new or expanded wireless telecommunication facilities within the downtown business zone was adopted by the Mountlake Terrace City Council at its June 29 meeting.

Downtown is also known as the Town Center of Mountlake Terrace. It is the area along 56th Avenue West between 244th Street Southwest and almost to 228th Street Southwest. At most points, it is only 1 block deep, but between 236th Street Southwest and 232nd Street Southwest, the Town Center spreads out to 3 blocks deep.

The moratorium allows the City to continue its effort to develop a Town Center Plan and revise its development standards for the downtown area before approving any wireless facilities in that area. A public hearing to consider findings of fact for continuing the moratorium will be held on August 21 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The City Council aims to adopt a Town Center Plan and new downtown standards in late 2006. The moratorium on wireless facilities in this area will be in effect until December 24, unless the Council takes action sooner to change it.

Mountlake Terrace has two other moratoria in effect downtown. One is on mini-casinos and the other is on certain conditional uses, such as group homes, churches, and government buildings. Continuation of these uses and any new standards for them will be part of the Town Center planning discussion.

A series of roundtable workshops on the Town Center will be held July 24, 26, and 31. Other Town Center planning workshops and meetings are being scheduled to follow in the fall.

For more information, contact the Mountlake Terrace Planning Division at 425.744.6266 or check the website: <http://www.cityofmlt.com/news.htm>.

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