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a. The preferred location of a small wireless facility on a pole is the location within the pole area available for use and with the least visible impact consistent with applicable electrical and other codes governing applicant's operations and installations.

b. The Town may consider the cumulative visual effects of small wireless facilities mounted on poles within the rights-of-way when assessing proposed 220

siting locations so as to not adversely affect the visual character of the Town. This provision shall neither be applied to limit the number of permits issued when no alternative sites are reasonably available nor to impose a technological requirement on the applicant. c. Preference is to locate in the public right-of-way rather than outside the public right-of-way. d. Placement must be created in a manner that does not impede, obstruct, or hinder pedestrian or vehicular travel, including snow removal.

e. New installations are not be located along the frontage of a historic building registered as a historic site on a federal, state, or local level.

f. Additional reasonable and feasible aesthetic and shrouding conditions may be required in the central business district, historic district, or along scenic ways.

g. Installations, including proposed methods of concealment shall not reduce driveway stopping sight distance and intersection sight distances below AASHTO guidelines

h. Small cells shall be located such that they in no way impede, obstruct, or hinder the usual pedestrian or vehicular travel, affect public safety, obstruct the legal access to or use of the public ROW, violate applicable law, violate or conflict with public ROW design standards, specifications, violate the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, or in any way create a risk to public health, safety, or welfare.

i. Small cell wireless facilities are to be located at the intersection of property lines, or along secondary property street facing where feasible. j. When poles are located adjacent to a commercial establishment, such as a shop or restaurant, care is be taken to locate the small cell such that it does not negatively impact the business, e.g. in front of store front windows, entrances/exits, or by being placed in a way that would impede a delivery to the building. Small cell facilities are to be located between properties if and to the extent feasible. k. Small cell wireless facilities shall be located within the street amenity zone whenever possible, within the ROW, and off set from the

sidewalk. l. Small cell wireless facilities shall be aligned with existing trees, utility poles, and streetlights where feasible. m. Small cell wireless facilities shall be placed at an equal or substantially equal distance between trees when possible with a minimum 15 foot separate such that no proposed disturbance shall occur within the critical root zone of any tree.

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n. Small cell wireless facilities shall be placed an appropriate clearance from existing utilities. o. Small cell wireless facilities shall be placed outside of the 20-foot equipment clear zone or 30-foot clear sight triangle at intersection corners.

p. Small cell wireless facilities shall be placed 10 feet away from the triangle extension of an alley way flare.

q. Small Cell wireless facilities shall not be located within 100 feet of the apron of a fire station or other adjacent emergency service facility.

r. The placement requirements above do not apply for locations on existing streetlights and utility pole locations.

s. New poles in the rights-of-way for small wireless facilities and installations along Washington Street in the Town Center between Neponset Street and Sherman Street are only permitted if the applicant can establish that:

i. The proposed small wireless facility cannot be located on an existing utility or light pole on a nearby side street, or on a site outside of the public rights-of-way such as a public park, public property, building, transmission tower or in or on a nonresidential use, whether by roof or panel mount or separate structure;

ii. The proposed small wireless facility received approval from the Select Board for a concealment element design.

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