

## **FCC SETS NEW TELECOM DEADLINES**

Municipal zoning officials should be aware that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has passed a new rule imposing deadlines for review of telecommunication zoning applications. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C.A. § 332(c)(7), municipalities must “act on any request for authorization to place, construct, or modify personal wireless service facilities within a reasonable period of time after the request is duly filed with such government or instrumentality, taking into account the nature and scope of such request.” Under the new FCC rule, a municipality must act within 90 days on a collocation application and within 150 days on any other zoning request for a communication tower. If a municipality fails to act on an application within these time periods, an applicant may file a claim for relief in court within 30 days. A copy of the FCC press release on the new rule is at [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-294711A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-294711A1.pdf).

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