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#### **Learning Objectives**

After attending this live webinar, you will be able to:

- review 5G basics.
- recognize FCC 5G order new rules for antennas in the streets.
- discuss, zoning, other changes made by the FCC 5G order.
- identify challenges to the new FCC order.

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## Agenda

#### **5G Basics**

- · What Is 5G?
- Why Are Thousands of Small Cells Needed?
- · When Will 5G Be Available?
- · Where?
- · What Do Small Cells Look Like?

#### FCC 5G Order - New Rules for Antennas in Streets

- · 60/90 Day Shot Clock
- · All Approvals Within Shot Clock
- Application Fees for All Permits Limited to \$100 Total
- Annual Fees Limited to Costs, \$270/Year Presumed Ok
- · Aesthetic Conditions Limited

## Zoning, Other Changes Made by FCC 5G Order

- 90 Day Shot Clock for Antennas on Buildings
- Shot Clocks Apply to All Needed Permits, Approvals
- 100 Application Fee for Cell Towers on Parks, City Hall

 Same Cap for Approvals for Cell Towers on Private Property?

#### Challenges to New FCC Order

- Order Is on Appeal, Briefing This Fall
- Violates Federal Statutes
- De Novo Review by Courts, No Deference to FCC
- Takes Municipal Property Without Compensation
- Violates Federalism, Cities Blamed for Federal Actions

## Analysis of, Response to FCC 5G Order

- Saves Providers/Costs Cities \$2 Billion
- Supposed to Get 5G to Rural Areas, but No Requirement to Do so
- · Options for Cities on How to Respond

#### **FCC No Moratoria Order**

- Bans Delaying Local Approvals
- Says Statutory Exceptions for Municipalities Do Not Apply
- Challenges to Moratoria Go to the FCC

## **Faculty**

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