



POLICY FOR THE PLACING, SIZE AND APPEARANCE OF CELLULAR COMMUNICATION MASTS WITHIN THE KNYNSA MUNICIPAL AREA

- The cell-phone service provider must provide a certificate indicating that the placing of a cell-phone antenna will not create a threat to health and public safety in order to receive consideration;
- Cell-phone service provider antennae must be attached to existing structures wherever this is possible without threatening health and safety;
- Where this is not possible, cell-phone masts must be disguised to blend with their immediate natural or built surroundings, or to represent a structure or element that would be expected in such surroundings – e.g. as locally indigenous trees in forest or plantation areas, windmills in farming areas, chimneys in industrial areas, lighthouses in coastal settings, etc);
- Where free-standing masts are to be justified from a technical aspect at least two alternative solutions to the problem must be submitted for alternative placements of the mast/s, in addition to alternative material/colour/structure solutions;
- Cell-phone masts must be designed in a manner which provides for them to be shared by the other service providers;
- Cell-phone mast heights must be as low as possible without threatening health and safety of residents;
- Undisguised cell-phone masts higher than 3m may not be placed on prominent ridge-lines or on coastal cliffs;
- Lattice masts will only be permitted in exceptional cases, where they are not visible from main routes, and must be not more than 20m in height;
- Telescopic tower masts will only be permitted where it is not feasible for technical reasons to disguise them, and may not exceed a height of 25m;
- Cell-phone masts in rural areas must be screened by a backdrop of trees. 360 degree coverage must be obtained by using more than one mast;
- The base station of a cell-phone mast, where it will be visible to the public, must also be appropriately disguised e.g. as painted in dark tones of green in a forest/plantation setting, or designed as an agricultural shed in a south cape/karoo style in farming areas.