



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

March 18, 2020

Mr. Gil Graveline, Building Official
City of Waterbury
185 South Main Street
Waterbury CT 06706

Request for Interpretation of 2018 CT State Building Code
Subject: Section 105.2 Public Service Agency Exemption
Case Number: I-20-02

Mr. Graveline,

In your email of March 6, 2020 you requested a formal interpretation regarding the application of Section 105.2.3 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code, Public Service Agency Exemptions as it relates to AT&T's installation of 5G cellular transmission equipment on existing utility poles.

105.2.3 Public service agencies. A permit shall not be required for the installation, alteration or repair of generation, transmission, distribution or metering or other related equipment that is under the ownership and control of public service agencies by established right.

Answer:

AT&T is a cellular mobile telephone service provider regulated under the FCC and PURA. The equipment being installed, 5G antenna and supporting power supply, are network elements as defined in 47 USC 153. Therefore, these installations fall under the public service agency exemption from permit in section 105.2.3.

Sincerely,

Joseph V. Cassidy, P.E.
State Building Inspector