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Section 5.4 - Sample Provision Excerpt (Public Preview)

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MARKUP #1 · POTENTIAL FED LAW CONFLICT

BOARD & COUNSEL REVIEW

Sec. 5.4 (p. 1): Blanket ban, sub-1-meter size cap, or prior approval requirement on satellite dishes or antennas on exclusive-use property is preempted by federal FCC OTARD regulations.

Statutory / Legal Reference: 47 C.F.R. § 1.4000 (FCC OTARD Rule)

Statutory Comparison: The FCC Over-the-Air Reception Devices rule (47 C.F.R. § 1.4000, as expanded by the 2021 OTARD Report and Order, FCC 21-10) preempts community association restrictions that prohibit, charge application fees for, require prior architectural approval for, or impose sub-1-meter (39.37-inch) diameter caps on the installation, maintenance, or use of television broadcast antennas, direct-broadcast satellite dishes 1 meter (39.37 inches) or less in diameter, and fixed wireless broadband antennas (including hub and relay antennas) situated on property within the exclusive use or control of the owner/tenant.

CURRENT WORDING IN DOCUMENT:

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SAMPLE DISCUSSION WORDING (FOR HOA ATTORNEY REVIEW):

in accordance with FCC OTARD regulations (47 C.F.R. § 1.4000), subject only to restrictions on shared common elements, dishes exceeding one meter in diameter, documented safety objectives (§ 1.4000(b)(1)), or historic preservation requirements (§ 1.4000(b)(2)).