

September 10, 2002

To the Honorable Common Council  
Zoning, Neighborhoods and  
Development Committee  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 020672 being an ordinance establishing a special use permit requirement for new transmission towers located within 500 feet of existing transmission towers.

Currently, the zoning code provides that a new transmission tower may be built without Board of Zoning Appeals approval if it meets height limits as specified for each zoning district, co-location standards and setback requirements. A tower not meeting all zoning standards would have to be approved by BOZA after holding a public hearing. The zoning code does not limit the number of towers that may be located in a specific area.

This substitute ordinance provides that in addition to the existing standards mentioned above, a new tower must not be located within 500 feet of an existing transmission tower. If this standard were not met, BOZA would have to hold a public hearing and determine if the tower could be built or not.

The Zoning Technical Committee reviewed this proposed ordinance and found that it was consistent with the city's Tower Policy in that it would encourage the co-location of antennae on single towers.

A public hearing was held on September 9, 2002 at which time no objections to the proposal were expressed.

Based on this information, the City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting of September 9, 2002 recommended the approval of the attached substitute ordinance.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Penman  
Executive Secretary  
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

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