

March 27, 2002

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

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 011264 being a substitute ordinance relating to zoning regulations for existing transmission towers used to transmit or receive television signals.

The attached substitute ordinance amends the zoning regulations to permit the height of an existing transmission tower used to transmit or receive television signals to increase without board of zoning appeals approval if the amount of the increase does not exceed 15 % of the tower's height or 150 feet, whichever is less. Only one such increase may be permitted without board approval. The ordinance further provides that under no circumstances may the height of a tower so modified exceed 1,275 feet.

The substitute ordinance proposes to partially undo a 1997 ordinance amendment that limited increases in the height of existing television towers unless height extensions met the objectives of the city's Transmission Tower Policy, a part of the city's Comprehensive Plan. The objectives that were incorporated into the zoning code required that any television tower height extensions must be able to support at least 3 R/T (reception/transmission) systems and will result in the reduction in the total number of such towers within the City through consolidation.

A public hearing was held on March 11, 2002 at which time objections to the proposed substitute ordinance were expressed.

Since this ordinance amendment is contrary to the City's Comprehensive Plan, the City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting of March 11, 2002, recommended that the attached substitute ordinance be placed on file.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Penman
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

Attachment
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