



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
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## Meeting Minutes ZONING CODE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

**TEODROS MEDHIN, CHAIR**

**Stuart Mukamal, Ed Richardson, Ronald Roberts**

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Wednesday, April 30, 2014

3:00 PM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

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Meeting convened at 3:03 p.m.

*Present - Roberts, Richardson, Mukamal, Medhin*

**Individual also appearing:**

*Jeff Osterman, Legislative Reference Bureau*

1. [131791](#) An ordinance relating to zoning regulations for satellite dishes.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Dudzik

*Mr. Osterman said that the proposed zoning code change adds satellites to the mechanical equipment provision and accessory structure standards, as suggested by Chris Rute of the Development Center, requiring satellites to meet the setback requirements of the section. The change was requested from Ald. Dudzik to prevent the proliferation of free standing satellite dishes in front yards, especially in his aldermanic district that currently has a couple of free standing satellite dishes on front setbacks. Mr. Osterman has some pictures of these satellites. There appears to be no existing regulations applicable to this matter. The change will not require permitting for satellites dishes. No written rationale was provided by Ald. Dudzik.*

*Mr. Richardson said that cases under this provision are rare for the Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA), BOZA has no objections, and he finds no issues with the change. The change is for aesthetic reasons.*

*Mr. Roberts said that front yards are protected aesthetically from air conditioning and mechanical units. Satellites mounted on houses extending into front yards should not be permitted.*

*Atty. Mukamal gave comments. Existing satellite dishes in front yards are legitimate nonconforming structures and cannot be forcibly moved. The proposed change addresses Mr. Roberts's concern regarding mounted satellites extending into front setbacks. There should be a proper record and sufficient reason made either in committee testimony or written form to enforce this change.*

*Atty. Mukamal moved that the proposed ordinance meets the standards of legality and enforceability, administrative efficiency, and consistency with the format of the zoning code subject to a proper record. Mr. Roberts seconded. There were no objections.*

**Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.  
Chris Lee, Staff Assistant**