CITY OF CARLSBAD
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR:

SATELLITE ANTENNA PERMITS

Satellite antennas are permitted in the City of Carlsbad with a satellite antenna permit. In order to receive a permit, certain conditions must be met. Satellite television antennas less than thirty (30) inches in diameter are permitted in any zone and are not subject to the requirements of Zoning Ordinance Section 21.53.140, provided that such antennas are attached to a permitted main or accessory structure on the lot.

Below is a summary of the satellite antenna ordinance. Please refer to Section 21.53 for specific information. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department 760-602-4610.

RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Residential zone restrictions. Satellite television antennas shall be considered as accessory to the main structure and shall be permitted in residential zones subject to the following limitations.

1. The antenna shall be ground mounted.
2. The antenna shall be located within the rear or side yard only; on corner lots the antenna shall not be located on the street side yard.
3. The antenna shall not exceed fifteen feet in height.
4. The antenna shall not be permitted on properties which have been designated as historic sites.
5. The antenna shall be screened from adjacent properties and public view by a wall, fence, hedge, or appropriate plant or landscape material between the antenna and the property line so that no more than 25% of the antenna extends above the top of the screening material.
6. The antenna shall be located at least four feet from any property line.
7. No more than one satellite television antenna shall be permitted per lot.
8. The antenna shall not exceed ten (10) feet in diameter.

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONES

Residential and Commercial Zone restrictions.

1. The antenna shall not be located in any public or private easements.
2. The antenna shall not be located in any drainage channel or over a drainage structure.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

Commercial and industrial zone restrictions. Satellite television antennas shall be considered as accessory to the main structure and shall be permitted in all commercial and industrial zones subject to the following limitations:

1. Ground mounted antenna.
   - A. Ground mounted antennas shall be located in the rear 50% of the lot.
   - B. The antenna shall not exceed 20 feet in height.
   - C. The antenna shall not be used as a sign or contain any advertising copy.
   - D. The antenna shall be screened from adjacent properties and public view by a wall, fence, hedge, or other appropriate plant or landscape line so that no more than 25% of the antenna extends above the top of the screening material.
   - E. The antenna shall not be located in any required parking area.
2. Roof mounted antennas may be permitted subject to the following limitations:

A. Roof mounted antennas shall not exceed 15 feet in height provided, however, that in no event shall the antenna extend more than 5 feet above the permitted height of building upon which it is located.

B. Roof mounted antennas shall be screened by recessing the antenna into the roof line or by constructing a screen out of similarly textured roofing or exterior wall material as the structure upon which it is located so that the antenna is not visible at ground level.

3. No more than one satellite television antenna shall be permitted per lot provided, however that additional antennas may be permitted by the Planning Director if there is more than one use on a lot which cannot feasibly be served by a single antenna.
4. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to hotels and motels located in residential zones.
5. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to satellite television antennas used by and located upon the property of a commercial cable television operator franchised by the City.

Exception planned unit developments and condominiums. Provisions of this section shall apply to residential planned developments, planned unit developments or condominiums provided, however, that roof mounted antennas may be allowed as part of the planned development permit for the project.

Agricultural zone restrictions. Satellite television antennas shall be considered as accessory to the main structure or use on the property and shall be permitted subject to the following limitations:

1. The antenna shall be ground mounted.
2. The antenna shall be located at least four feet from any property line.
3. The antenna shall not exceed 20 feet in height.
4. The antenna shall be screened from public view by a wall, fence, hedge, or other appropriate plant or landscape material between the antenna and the property line so that no more than 25% of the antenna is visible above the screening material.

Public utility zone restrictions. Satellite television antennas shall be considered a permitted accessory use in the public utility zones.

Nonconforming antennas. Any satellite television antenna erected prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be brought into compliance with the provisions of this section no later than one year after the effective date of this ordinance.

Whenever a discretionary permit is required for construction of a project, the satellite antenna permit may be consolidated with the discretionary permit.

Redevelopment zone. A redevelopment permit issued pursuant to Chapter 21.35 shall be required for any satellite television antenna located in the Village Redevelopment Zone. In addition to complying with the provisions of this section, all satellite television antennas in the Village Redevelopment Zone shall conform to the provisions of the Village Design Manual.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate or change the requirement under Section 21.42.010(5)(Q) for a conditional use permit for radio or television transmitters.

I. REQUIRED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS (All required plans shall be collated into complete sets, stapled together, then folded to 9" x 12" with lower right hand corner of plan visible.).

A. COMPLETED LAND USE REVIEW APPLICATION FORM

B. SITE PLAN – Three (3) copies of site plan showing:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

☐ a. Cross sections showing adjacent properties and streets.
☐ b. Distances between buildings and/or structures and satellite antenna.
☐ c. Building setbacks (front, rear and sides).
☐ d. Location, height, and materials of walls and fences.
☐ e. Address and APN.
☐ f. Location of existing slopes.
☐ g. Location of existing easements, public and private.
☐ h. Location of drainage structures.

C. LANDSCAPE PLAN – Three (3) copies prepared on 24" x 36" sheet(s) at the same scale as the project plans showing the following:

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

☐ a. Types of plants, quantity of each species, and their sizes.

D. BUILDING ELEVATIONS – Three (3) copies prepared on 24" x 36" sheet(s) showing the following:

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

☐ a. Height of satellite antenna, landscaping and/or fence/wall.

E. Two copies of a completed and signed "Stormwater Standards Questionnaire". This form can be found on the City's website: http://www.carlsbadca.gov/pdfdoc.html?pid=432. (Distribute copy to Engineering).

F. If, when completing the Stormwater Standards Questionnaire, the project is defined as a "**Priority Project**", submit a preliminary Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) prepared in accordance with the City Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) per the City of Carlsbad Engineering Standards.