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### City Council Document Tracking Sheet

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Sponsor(s): Suarez, Regner Ray (31)

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Title: Amendment of Section 17-0-203 of Municipal Code by

further regulating satellite dish antennas

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

#### <u>ORDINANCE</u>

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

**SECTION 1.** Title 17, Chapter 9, Section 0203 of the Chicago Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the underscored language as follows:

### Chapter 17-9-0203 Satellite Dish Antennas

17-9-0203-A. Satellite dish antennas up to one meter in diameter are permitted as accessory uses in all zoning districts. Subject to 47 C.F.R. §1.4000, as amended, and other applicable law, and subject to lawful restrictions on the use of common areas, all satellite dish antennas up to one meter in diameter shall be mounted as set forth in paragraphs (1) through (3) below. For purposes of this subsection A, the term "public way" shall not include alleys.

- (1) Satellite dish antennas shall be placed in a location that is not visible from any public way adjacent to the property on which the satellite dish antenna is located. Pursuant to this paragraph (1), no satellite dish antenna may be installed in the front yard or in any side yard adjacent to a public way or attached to a building wall facing a public way.
- (2) If compliance with paragraph (1) is not technically feasible, then satellite dish antennas shall be placed on the roof of the principal building on the subject property. With respect to flat roofs, the satellite dish antenna shall be, if technically feasible, set back a minimum of five feet from any building wall facing a public way. With respect to sloped roofs, the satellite dish antenna shall be set back as far as possible from any public way adjacent to the property on which the satellite dish antenna is located.
- (3) If compliance with paragraphs (1) or (2) is not technically feasible, then satellite dish antennas shall be placed in a location that is minimally visible from any public way adjacent to the property on which the satellite dish antenna is located. For purposes of this paragraph (3) compliance with the "minimally visible" standard shall mean that the satellite dish antenna is (a) shielded from view from any adjacent public way by landscaping, fencing or structural or architectural elements of the building (e.g., a bay window, chimney, dormer or parapet), and (b) if side-mounted, attached to a building wall facing the subject property's interior side property line and set back a minimum of ten feet from any building wall facing a public way.

17-9-0203-B. Satellite dish antennas over one meter in diameter, up to 3 meters in diameter, are a permitted as accessory uses in all B, C, D, M and special purpose zoning districts, subject to the following standards:

- 1. Roof-mounted, pole-mounted antennas may be erected on the roof or attached to a *principal building*, provided the maximum height of the installation does not exceed 16 feet in height above the building on which it is to be located.
- 2. Ground-mounted *satellite dish antennas* must comply with all setback requirements of the zoning district in which it is to be located.

3. A building permit is required for each satellite dish antenna installation.

17-9-0203-C. Any satellite dish antenna not expressly permitted by paragraphs 17-9-0203-A or 17-9-0203-B requires special use approval in accordance with Section 17-13-0900.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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