ANTENNA AND SATELLITE DISH GUIDELINES

The Historic District Commission realized the installation of antennas on residences in historic districts is an area of concern, which must be addressed. This policy offers a balanced approach to those concerns so that the criteria of the Historic District Ordinance as well as the needs of district residents can be met.

The placement of radio, television, and other communication antennas on structures in historic districts is work that is regulated by the City of Detroit's Historic District ordinance No. 161-H. Any proposal for the installation of antennas in a historic district shall meet the following applicable conditions:

- A. Antennas shall be placed so that they are inconspicuous from the public right-of-way and do not damage or obscure character-defining features.
- B. Significant architectural details shall not be removed, damaged or covered by the installation of any antenna.
- C. Any type of dish antennas shall not be attached to the facades of residences nor mounted on roofs in such a manner that they are visible from the street. It is recommended that dish-type antennas be placed on other buildings, such as garages or on the surrounding grounds, where their presence can be screened from the street by landscaping.
- D. Antennas placed on surrounding grounds shall not occupy front or side yards.
 When the only alternative available is to mount them on a historic residence, antennas must be out of the line of sight when viewed from the street.
- E. Antennas shall employ colors that tend to mask their appearance and that are appropriate to colors of structures upon which they are mounted.



Variance to the above guidelines may be granted by the Historic District Commission.

The Historic District Commission reserves all rights to amend and/or update this policy statement. Any questions pertaining to this policy shall be directed to the Historic District Commission, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 808, Detroit, Michigan, 48226. Telephone: 313.224.6543