

**ELK RAPIDS TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Public Hearing Notice

The Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 17, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan to consider the following amendments to the Elk Rapids Township Zoning Ordinance.

Amendment #1

Amend Chapter 1; Section 1.03 – DEFINITIONS - “Special Exception” to read as follows:

Special Exception (Special Use) - A use that meets the intent and purpose of the zoning district, but which requires the review and approval of the Planning Commission in order to ensure that any adverse impacts on adjacent properties or public services and facilities that may be generated by the use can be, and are, mitigated; as prescribed in Section 19.07.

Amendment #2

Amend Chapter 15, WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS, Sections 15.04-D-1 and 15.07 to read as follows:

Section 15.04 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, sub sec D-1

1. Towers shall either maintain a galvanized steel finish or, subject to any applicable standard of the FAA, be painted a neutral color so as to reduce visual obtrusiveness. A monopole design is preferred and the design and appearance of the support structure and all accessory buildings shall be reviewed and approved so as to minimize distraction, reduce visibility from off site, maximize aesthetic appearance including at and from ground level, and ensure compatibility with surroundings.

Section 15.07 – BUILDINGS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Buildings or other equipment cabinet's accessory to an antenna or tower shall be unmanned. Buildings or other equipment cabinets shall not exceed the maximum height for accessory structures and shall be located in accordance with the minimum setback requirements for the zoning district in which it is located. Buildings or other equipment cabinets shall be screened from view from any nearby residential properties by an opaque evergreen hedge. The provisions of this subsection may be modified by the Planning Commission to encourage collocation

Public comments in support of, or objection to, a request will be heard at the meeting, or may be made in writing addressed to the Planning Commission, P. O. Box 365, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629.

**Emile Sabty, Secretary
Planning Commission
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