

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO: C(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2011

**TITLE: A MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE TOWN HALL CELLULAR TOWER
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BY AT&T**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING DEPARTMENT	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ No _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. RESOLUTION B. PLANS C. LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: JAMES THOMAS- 918-7335

PURPOSE STATEMENT

AT&T has applied for a minor modification to the Town Hall Cellular Telecommunications Tower located at 301 West Main Street. Per Section 15-176 (15) of the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), additional antenna arrays located on existing towers must be approved through the minor modification process. The Zoning Division requests that the Board of Aldermen approve the request regarding the minor modification.

INFORMATION

AT&T has applied for a minor modification to the Town Hall Telecommunications Tower located at 301 West Main Street. The proposed minor modification consists of adding three (3) additional antennas to the existing array at the height of 135 feet. In addition, the applicant will be removing two existing equipment cabinets and replacing them with new equipment in the same location.

Section 15-176 of the LUO contains certain requirements that pertain to towers, certain requirements that pertain to antennas and certain requirements that pertain to both. Sections 15-176 (3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 13) of the LUO are specifically applicable to the minor modification request. The applicant has supplied the Zoning Division a letter that satisfies the requirements of Section 15-176. The letter states that the antenna and equipment will not interfere with the use or operation of radios, televisions, telephones, etc. on adjoining or nearby properties. The applicant also states that no commercial advertising will be placed on the tower, no outdoor storage will take place on the site, equipment will be removed if unused for a period of six months or more, and that the site will not be used as an employment area (office) with the exception of periodic maintenance or monitoring.

In order to satisfy the requirements of Section 15-176 (6) of the LUO, the applicant has stated that the amount of EMF produced by the proposed antenna and equipment does not exceed the federally approved levels.

The information presented on the plans and in the letters demonstrates compliance with the requirements of the LUO for minor modifications to existing towers. As a result, the Zoning Division recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the minor modification to the Town Hall Telecommunications Tower

located at 301 West Main Street to allow AT&T to install three additional antennas to the existing array at the height of 135 feet and remove two existing equipment cabinets and replace them with new equipment in the same location.

RECOMMENDATION

The Zoning Division recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution (**Attachment A**) approving the minor modification to the Town Hall Cellular Tower located at 301 West Main Street to install three additional antennas to the existing array at the height of 135 feet and remove two existing equipment cabinets and replace them with “new” cabinets in the same location.