

CHAPTER 8

SATELLITE DISH ANTENNAS

The Town of Bethel repeals the previous ordinance with the same chapter entitled "Satellite Antennas" adopted March 1, 1988 and replaces it with this Chapter 8 entitled "Satellite Dish Antennas". The Town of Bethel does hereby ordain:

Sec. 8-1. General; Definition.

No satellite dish antenna shall be installed, constructed, or erected upon any residential property within the Town except in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance. A satellite dish antenna shall be defined as a combination of a dish, whose purpose is to receive electronic communications or other television signals from orbiting satellites; a low-noise amplifier, which is situated at the focal point of the receiving dish and whose purpose is to magnify and transfer signals; and a cable and appurtenances, whose purpose is to carry the signal to the interior of a residential structure.

Sec. 8-2. Permitted Use.

A satellite dish antenna shall be permitted only as an accessory use on a residential lot that contains a principal structure and for which a building permit has been issued by the Town.

Sec. 8-3. Location: Restrictions.

- (a) A satellite dish antenna shall be permitted only in the rear yard of the residential property or on the roof of the principal structure, and no residential lot shall contain more than two satellite dish antennas.
- (b) No satellite dish antenna shall be located closer to the rear property line than the height of said antenna, nor closer to any side property line than the height of said antenna. Satellite dish antennas are subject to Town zoning setback requirements for principal buildings and structures, as set forth in Chapter 9B, Table 3 of these Ordinances.
- (c) No satellite dish antenna shall exceed thirteen (13) feet above ground level if ground-mounted, or thirteen (13) feet above the roof if roof-mounted.
- (d) No satellite dish antenna shall have a surface receiving area greater than twelve (12) feet in diameter.

Sec. 8-4. Design and Construction Standards.

All satellite dish antennas shall be designed, constructed, and installed in compliance with applicable provisions (if any) of the National Electrical Code, the Sussex County Building Code, and the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. The property owner shall certify such compliance

to the Town in connection with the owner's application for the building permit required by Section 2-2(e) of these Ordinances.

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