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| 3/26/2013 | 1    | City Council       | Read and referred                      |        |

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Use Regulations, Chapter 912: Accessory Uses and Structures so as to amend Section 912.04.G Telecommunication Antennas.

**Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Use Regulations, Chapter 912: Accessory Uses and Structures Section 912.04.G Telecommunication Antennas as follows:

~~912.04.G – Telecommunications Antennas~~

~~All building mounted telecommunications antennas shall be located and designed as follows:~~

- ~~1. Roof mounted antennas shall be located no closer than five (5) feet to the nearest edge of the roof;~~
- ~~2. Wall mounted antennas are prohibited under forty (40) feet from existing grade;~~
- ~~3. Wall mounted antennas forty (40) feet or higher above grade may be approved by and Administrator's Exception (922.08). The Zoning Administrator's review will be limited to requiring that the antenna be compatible with the architecture of the building and its surroundings, the character of the neighborhood, and sensitivity to the skyline;~~

~~[4. 6.Reserved.]~~

- ~~7. The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Administrator that there are valid~~

considerations, including physical constraints or technological feasibility, for the location of additional antennas and/or panels on existing antenna structures. The information submitted by the applicant shall include a map of the area to be served by the proposed antenna and/or panel, the relationship of the proposed antenna and/or panel to other antennas and panels, and any information required by the Zoning Administrator;

8. All obsolete or unused antennas shall be removed within sixty (60) days of cessation of use;

9. No antenna located in an R1D, R1A, R2-L, RM, GPR, P or H Zoning District shall exceed fifteen (15) feet in height;

10. No antenna located in an NDO, LNC, NDI, UNC, HC, OPR, GI, UI, EMI, GT, or DR Zoning District shall exceed twenty (20) feet in height.

#### 912.04.G Building-Mounted Communication Antennas

All antennas mounted on the roof or face of a new or existing building shall be located consistent with Section 911.04.A.13 as well as with the following:

1. Roof-mounted Communication Antennas shall be located no closer than five (5) feet to the nearest edge of the roof
2. Any roof-mounted Communication Antenna that is visible from the ground to a reasonable observer shall be approved as a Special Exception (922.07) except in the case of a concealed, stealth or camouflaged Communication Antenna which may be approved as an Administrator's Exception (922.08). Concealed, stealth or camouflaged Communication Antennas are designed to blend in with the surroundings including but not limited to, antennas located in a structure such as a church steeple, bell tower but which are not noticeable to the reasonable observer and antennas disguised as trees, flagpoles, chimneys, grain silos and anything consistent with the surroundings.
3. Wall-mounted Communication Antennas are prohibited under forty (40) feet from existing grade
4. Any Wall-mounted Communication Antenna that is visible from the ground to a reasonable observer shall be approved as a Special Exception (922.07) except in the case of concealed, stealth or camouflaged Communication Antenna which may be approved as an Administrator's Exception (922.08). Concealed, stealth or camouflaged Communication Antennas are designed to blend in with the surroundings including but not limited to, antennas located in a structure such as a church steeple, bell tower but which are not noticeable to the reasonable observer and antennas disguised as trees, flagpoles, chimneys, grain silos and anything consistent with the surroundings.
5. The applicant for a roof- or wall-mounted Communication Antenna shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Zoning Board and Council that that such use is reasonably necessary at the proposed location for the convenience of the people at large or for the general welfare and that the proposed Communication Antenna cannot be co-located on an existing structure. When the proposed site is in any residential district, the Applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of Council, which shall mean at a minimum that Council has adopted a motion to Read and File the approved Application, that the proposed Communication Antenna cannot be co-located on an existing Communication Tower and that the proposed Communication Antenna cannot be constructed within a nonresidential district. The information submitted by the applicant shall include a map of the area to be served by the proposed antenna and/or panel, the relationship of the proposed antenna and/or panel to other antennas and panels
6. No Communication Antenna located in an R1D, R1A, R2, RM, GPR, P or H Zoning District shall exceed fifteen (15) feet in height
7. No Communication Antenna located in an NDO, LNC, NDI, UNC, HC, OPR, GI, UI, EMI, GT, or

DR Zoning District shall exceed twenty (20) feet in height