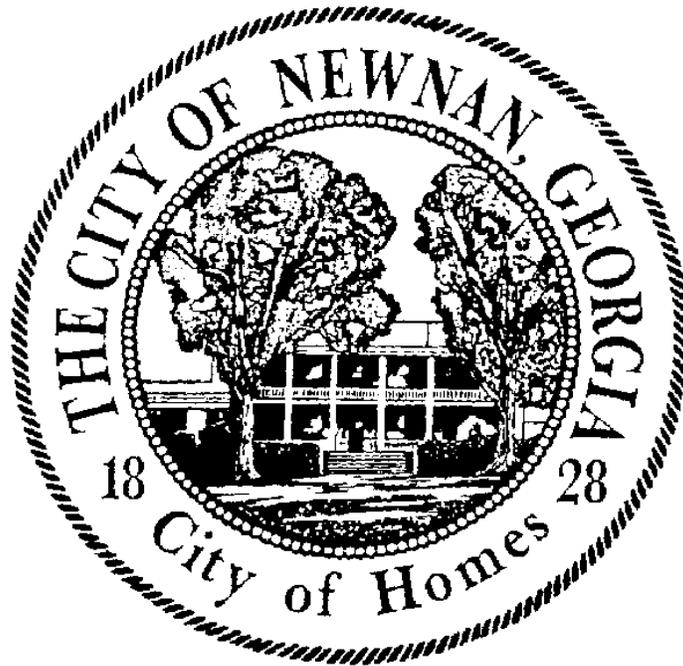


# CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA



Application Form

For

Telecommunication  
Antennas, Micro-cell or  
Repeater Facilities

September 2000



# CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA

25 LaGrange Street  
Newnan, Georgia 30263  
770-253-2682

## TELECOMMUNICATION ANTENNAS APPLICATION    Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

*(ANTENNA: A transmitting and/or receiving device used in telecommunications that radiates or captures telephone, radio, television or personal wireless service communications signals. An antenna array consists of multiple antennas installed as a single unit. MICRO-CELL: A low power mobile radio service telecommunications facility used to provide increased capacity in high call-demand areas or to improve coverage to weak areas. Micro-cells communicate with the primary low power mobile radio service facility in a coverage area via fiber optic cable or microwave. The typical coverage area for a micro-cell is a 1-mile radius or less. REPEATER: A low power mobile radio service telecommunications facility used to extend coverage of cell areas to areas not covered by the originating facility.*

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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (Use back if multiple names) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Location of Property \_\_\_\_\_

Present Zoning Classification \_\_\_\_\_

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Administrative approval by the Planning Department of antennas, micro -cell or repeater facilities is guided by the following policies:

- Antennas must be architecturally and visually compatible concerning color, bulk and size with surrounding buildings, structures, vegetation and uses likely to develop in the underlying zoning district. Micro -cell or repeater facilities may be considered architecturally or visually compatible when mounted on such existing structures as light standards, telephone poles or otherwise camouflaged to disguise their low power mobile radio service use.
- Applications must demonstrate the relationship of the proposed facility to the overall low power mobile radio service system network within Coweta County.

Applications for installation of an antenna must submit the following information:

\_\_\_\_\_ three (3) sets of accurate drawings including a scaled site plan and a scaled elevation view and other supporting drawings, calculations, and other documentation including, but not limited to, the method of construction and attachment to the building or structure. Plans for antenna construction shall be certified by an independent, registered structural engineer licensed in the State of Georgia as meeting all current safety and design standards of all applicable federal, state, and city codes.

No antenna, micro-cell or repeater shall be approved as a new source of non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation (NEIR) or increase in NEIR from an existing source which, when combined with existing sources of NEIR, exposes the general public to an ambient radiation exceeding that defined in OST -65 and ANSI C95.1, provided however, that if a federal standard is adopted that is more stringent than the standard set forth herein, such other standard shall apply. No new source of NEIR, or increase in NEIR from an existing source that exceeds 1,000 watts of radio frequency output per transmitter shall be permitted.

The following factors shall be considered in evaluating an application for a conditional use to install a telecommunications towers or monopole:

- Availability of suitable existing towers, monopoles and other structures for the placement of an antenna or antennas. No new tower shall be permitted unless the applicant demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the City that no existing telecommunications facility can accommodate the applicant's proposed antenna(s). Evidence submitted to demonstrate such findings shall include, but not limit to, the following:
  - ✓ No existing towers, monopoles or structures meeting the height, structural strength or other technical needs of the applicant are located within the appropriate geographic area.
  - ✓ The applicant's proposed antenna would cause RF or electromagnetic interference with antenna(s) on the existing structures, or the antenna(s) on the existing tower, monopole or structure would cause interference with the applicant's proposed antenna(s).
  - ✓ The fees, costs, or contractual provisions required by the owner in order to share an existing facility or to adapt an existing facility for sharing are unreasonable. Costs exceeding new tower or monopole development are presumed unreasonable.

Antennas may be located on any telecommunications tower or monopole, which is defined as "pre-existing" provided all reasonable requirements of this Ordinance are met.

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Each application for installation of an antenna shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$100.00.***

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I do hereby certify that the information provided herein is both complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any inaccuracies may be considered just cause for invalidation of this application and any action taken on this application.

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of City Planner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Procedure for approval of an antenna or antennas**

The Planning Department shall determine whether an application for location of an antenna on an existing building, structure, tower or monopole should be issued or denied under the standards of the Zoning Ordinance within 30 days of receipt of a *complete* application. If the Planning Department fails to respond to the applicant within said 30 days, then the application shall be deemed to be approved.

- a) Any decision by the Planning Department to deny an application for an antenna shall be in writing and supported by substantial evidence contained in a written record. The Planning Department's decision to deny an application may be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals by filing a written notice of appeal within 10 days of the denial. Failure to file a notice of appeal within 10 days of the denial shall constitute a waiver of the applicant's appeal rights.
- b) The Board of Zoning Appeals shall hold a hearing within 45 days of receipt of the notice of appeal. In the event the Board of Zoning Appeals affirms the Planning Department's decision to deny the application, the decision of the Board shall be in writing and supported by substantial evidence contained in a written record. The decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be final.

An application to erect, repair, construct, relocate or maintain an antenna on an existing building, structure, tower or monopole may be approved provided certain conditions are met (refer to Chapter 37, §37.100 of the Zoning Ordinance).

### **Height Variance**

Where an applicant for installation of a tower, monopole or antenna(s) demonstrates that no site meeting the standards of the Ordinance exists which allows uninterrupted service or service without signal distortion, the applicant may apply for a variance from the height limits (refer to Chapter 37, §37.210 of the Zoning Ordinance).

### **Exemptions**

A single antenna less than 70 feet in height owned and operated by a federally licensed amateur radio station operator shall be exempted from the provisions of the Ordinance. The owner or operator of such antenna, however, shall be required to comply with all applicable city, state and federal codes (refer to Chapter 37, §37.220 of the Zoning Ordinance).

### **Pre-existing Antennas**

Any pre-existing antennas, towers, or telecommunications facilities, which do not meet the requirement of the Ordinance shall be considered nonconforming and subject to the nonconforming use provisions of the Newnan Zoning Ordinance (refer to Chapter 37, §37.180 of the Zoning Ordinance).