

Town of Athelstane
Signal Receiving Antenna Ordinance
Ordinance # 10

The Town Board of Athelstane, Marinette County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

A. Purpose: This section regulates the placement of signal receiving antennas is adopted to:

1. Provide uniform regulation of all signal receiving antenna devices.
2. Secure placement of such antennas in an aesthetically sensitive manner while allowing users reasonable reception of signals.
3. Protect the public from injury from antennas that are inadequately mounted, unduly susceptible to wind pressure, improperly installed and wired.
4. Provide for placement of such antennas in locations that preserve access to rear property areas by firefighting apparatus and emergency personnel.

B. Permit Required:

No owner shall, within the Town of Athelstane, build, construct, use or place any type of signal receiving antenna until a building permit has been obtained from the Town of Athelstane. A general plot plan or sketch showing the location of the proposed signal receiving antenna with respect to roads, lot lines and buildings is required. If all requirements of this ordinance are met, the permit shall be approved.

C. Definitions:

1. For purposes of this section, a “signal receiving antenna” is defined as any apparatus capable of receiving communications from a transmitter or a transmitter relay. This ordinance does not include “signal receiving antennas” required for TV.

2. “Owner” means the holder of record of an estate in possession in fee simple, or for life, in land or real property, or a vendee of record under a land contract. A tenant in common or joint tenant shall be considered such owner to the extent of his interest. The personal representative of at least one (1) owner shall be considered an owner.

D- Installation Standards:

Signal receiving antennas installed in the Town of Athelstane shall comply with the following provisions:

1. **Setbacks:** Any signal receiving antenna and its mounting post shall be located a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any property line.

2. **Electrical Installations :** Electrical installation in connection with signal receiving antennas, including grounding of the system, shall be in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code, Wisconsin State Electrical Code and the instructions of the manufacturer. In some cases of conflict, the stricter requirements shall govern. All cable used to conduct current or signals from the signal receiving antenna to the receivers shall be installed underground unless installation site conditions preclude underground.

3. Advertising: No form of advertising or identification, sign or mural is allowed on the signal receiving antenna other than the customer manufacturer's identification plates.

4. Interference with Broadcasting: Signal receiving antennas shall be filtered and/or shielded so as to prevent the emission or reflection of an electromagnetic radiation that would cause any harmful interference with the radio and/or television broadcasting or reception on adjacent properties. In the event that harmful interference is caused subsequent to its installation, the owner of the signal receiving antenna shall promptly take steps to eliminate the harmful interference in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations.

5. Compliance with Federal Regulations: The installation and use of every signal receiving antenna shall be and remain in conformity with the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 and regulations adopted there under.

6. Aesthetic Considerations: Signal receiving antennas shall be located and designed to reasonably reduce visual impact from surrounding properties