

**City of Allentown**  
**Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB)**  
**Policy on Placement of Satellite Dishes in Historic Districts**  
**Effective May 2002**

The Historic District Ordinance (Article 1391 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown) gives the HARB the power to regulate such alterations under Section 1391.10 Criteria for Issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness. These dishes are different than other utilities in a number of ways including their size, location and portability. Also, they are often haphazardly installed with no regard to the visual or physical effect they have on the historic district structures to which they are anchored.

1. Satellite dishes may be approved by staff when placed on the rear elevation of a property or in the rear yard area or in an area not visible from the public right-of-way (i.e. center of a flat roof, in the rear ell of the building, etc.)
2. Placement of satellite dishes on any other area of a building shall be sent to HARB for review.
3. When being secured to a brick wall, anchoring for satellite dishes shall only occur in the mortar joints not the bricks themselves.
4. Any placement of a satellite dish that does not conform to these criteria will constitute a violation and may be subject to penalty and enforcement per Section 1391.99 of the Historic District Ordinance.