

**STATEMENT AND EXHIBITS FOR MARCH 5, 2001 ROUNDTABLE
ON ZONING REGULATIONS CONCERNING
ANTENNAS, ANTENNA TOWERS AND RELATED STRUCTURES**

This statement and accompanying exhibits address the issue of setback restrictions for antennas, antenna towers and the structures on which they are installed. While not technical in nature, it is hoped that this material will demonstrate the need for new zoning setback regulations of antenna towers, etc.

Although the examples shown in the exhibits are of a specific tower (the one sited at a property on 41st Street NW between Brandywine and Chesapeake streets), this material should not be construed as focusing on this specific tower. Rather the statement and exhibits are designed to show how current setback regulations need to be changed because they do not mandate enough distance between towers and adjoining buildings, walkways, and streets.

The accompanying exhibits demonstrate this using four pictures. The first looks north on 41st NW; the second looks south; the third is a picture of the site looking east and shows the relationship between the tower and the property immediately to its north; and, finally, the fourth photo is another shot of the tower site looking east that captures the building to its south and the sidewalk/street immediately in front of the tower site.

Now it is true that spatial perception and distance reckoning can be distorted in a photograph, but I think these pictures show that setback regulations that allow an antenna tower to be this close to commercial buildings, sidewalks, and roadways need to be changed. From a safety perspective, it's apparent from the photographs that anything falling from the tower has a high likelihood of hitting someone using the sidewalk or the entranceways to the adjacent establishments. From an aesthetic perspective, the tower, which is essentially an industrial-looking object, is planted "cheek by jowl" against small two story businesses that have traditional facades reminiscent of older neighborhoods containing mixed residences and buildings.

Again, this statement is not designed to make a specific point against the so-called "Tenleytown Tower" but is designed to show the need for a change in setback zoning regulations that would be applied to future towers.

In closing, let me urge that you or members of your staff visit the actual site portrayed here so you get a better sense of the need for larger setbacks for antenna towers.

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