

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007 -**

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING STANDARDS FOR BELL TOWERS AND STEEPLES, THEREBY AMENDING  
CHAPTER 19 OF THE CITY CODE**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 19 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets [ ] and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

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**CHAPTER 19**

**ZONING**

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**ARTICLE V. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

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**SEC. 19.63. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR CHURCH BUILDINGS AND SITES.**

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**(c) Other performance standards -**

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- (7) ~~[Bell towers, e]~~Canopies and similar auxiliary structures may extend into the required side and rear setback areas, but in no event closer than 25 feet to a side or rear property line. When attached to and architecturally integrated with the principal structure,~~[bell towers,]~~ canopies and similar auxiliary structures may extend ten feet into the required front setback area, but in no event may be closer than 50 feet to a front property line.

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- (10) Bell towers, steeples, spires and similar structures must meet the following standards:
- (A) Height. The height of bell towers, steeples, spires and similar structures must not exceed 65 feet.
  - (B) Location. Bell towers, steeples, spires and similar structures must be located at least 25 feet from a side or rear property line and at least 50 feet from a front property line or property line abutting a public street.
  - (C) Antenna Mounting. When antennas are mounted on bell towers, steeples, spires or similar structures, the following standards apply:
    - (i) Design. The structure must be designed to visually appear as a bell tower, steeple, spire or similar structure and not be identifiable as an antenna tower.
    - (ii) Antenna Visibility. The antennas and associated mounting devices must be screened or otherwise concealed from view.
    - (iii) Equipment. The associated ground equipment must meet the setback requirements of the structure and must be fully screened by a wall or fence that is architecturally compatible with the church.

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**SEC. 19.63.05. TOWERS.**

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**(b) Area Specific Requirements for Towers and Antennas.**

(1) Towers in Residential Zoning Districts. Towers shall be allowed only in the following residentially zoned areas:

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(B) Towers supporting commercial antennas and conforming to all applicable provisions of this Code shall be allowed only in the following residentially zoned locations:

(i) Church sites, when ~~camouflaged as steeples or bell towers~~ the antenna support structure is fully camouflaged as a bell tower, steeple or similar structure;

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Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Secretary to the Council

APPROVED:

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City Attorney