

## **SATELLITE DISHES and Antennas STANDARDS**

**Satellite dishes** - A local historic district commission may not deny the installation of satellite dishes according to the Federal Communications Commission. However, a commission may regulate the placement of the satellite dish on a structure. It is preferred that a dish be installed as far as possible from the public view. Within the restrictions required by the dish for optimal reception, the commission prefers installation:

- On the rear façade or the rear half of the sides if mounted on the wall of the structure.
- Behind a chimney if this still provides optimal reception.
- *No exterior woodwork or trim detail shall be altered or damaged in the installation.*

The Historic Preservation Coordinator may approve the three locations listed above administratively.

**Antennas**- A local historic district commission may not deny the installation of antennas according to the Federal Communications Commission. However, a commission may regulate the placement of the antenna on a structure or the position of a freestanding antenna in the yard. As much as possible, it is preferred that an antenna be installed as far as possible from the public view. Within the restrictions required optimal reception, the commission prefers installation:

- On the rear façade or the rear half of the sides if mounted on the wall of the structure.
- On the rear half of the structure if mounted on the roof.
- Behind a chimney if this still provides optimal reception.
- *No exterior woodwork or trim detail shall be altered or damaged in the installation.*

## **GUIDELINES**

The full commission must review any installation on the front half of the structure or in the yard. Installation should be as unobtrusive as possible and be reversible. *No exterior woodwork or trim detail shall be altered or damaged in the installation.* If the antenna or satellite dish must be mounted in a conspicuous place for optimal reception, the commission would like to see proof of this necessity in writing from the satellite dish company or from a qualified professional in the case of antennas. The satellite dish, if mounted in a conspicuous place, must be attached to a post that can be removed when the dish is no longer needed.