

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

AERIAL SYSTEMS BY-LAWS

1. Introduction

These by-laws fall within the ambit of (a) the **Code of Practice** of the South African Bureau of Standards, SABS 061 - 1973, for the Installation of Aerial Systems (Communal and Single) for the Reception of VHF and UHF Sound and Television Broadcast Transmissions (Metric Units), (b) the **Specification** of the Central Standardization Committee, CKS 387 - 1973 for Television HF Wired Distribution Systems (Metric Units) published by the South African Bureau of Standards., and (c) the **Standard Regulations** for the Wiring of Premises published by the South African Institute of Electrical Engineers.

The municipality must ensure that it has copies of these documents available, as the Standards Act requires of a municipality to have copies of all SABS and other codes available for people to inspect.

2. Contents of by-laws

Before a person may erect a aerial mast, he or she must obtain the approval of Council. However, the following proviso in section 4 must be highlighted, i.e. that in respect of a single aerial system, no approval is necessary where the mast of the aerial system is erected on a building on such premises and the mast does not project more than 3 m above the highest point of the building. In other words, most households need not obtain the approval of Council.

Section 5 deals with the requirements which an aerial system must meet, and the restrictions on the number and type of system that may be erected / installed. The person who erects / installs a system, must furnish the Council and the occupier of the premises with a safety warrant. Furthermore, where a new building is erected or an existing building is enlarged, provision must be made in the building plans for junction boxes, conduits and other fittings as set out in the Standard Regulations, however, this does not apply to a dwelling house.

The Council is given the necessary powers to enter and inspect premises. Should a person not comply with the requirements, the Council may serve a notice of compliance on the person giving the person the opportunity to comply with the provisions of the by-laws.