

Information Notice

Erection of a Satellite Dish on Residential Property

The erection of a satellite dish on a house is classed as exempted development (i.e. does not require planning permission), subject to the following conditions:

- Only one dish may be erected on or within the curtilage of the house (i.e. the area of land attached to the house) without planning permission.
- The diameter of the dish shall not exceed 1 metre.
- The dish may not be erected on the front of the house or forward of the house (see diagram).
- The dish may not be erected on the front roof slope of the house or higher than the highest part of the roof of the house (see diagram).
- Planning permission is required for erection of a satellite dish associated with an apartment.
- Planning permission is not usually required for the erection of a satellite dish associated with a Protected Structure or proposed Protected Structure as long as the guidelines above are followed. A satellite dish on a Protected Structure is appropriately located in the least prominent exempted location. Physical damage to the Protected Structure should be avoided, e.g. mechanical fixing to cut stone. If you require clarification in this matter, please contact the Conservation Section at 021 4924086.

Satellite dishes that do not meet the criteria specified above are considered “unauthorised”; enforcement action can be taken against both the owner /occupier of the dwelling on which an unauthorised satellite dish is located. Enforcement action can also be taken against any person (e.g. installer) carrying out the unauthorised installation. Any person served with an enforcement notice is liable to refund Cork City Council the full costs associated with investigating, enforcing and rectifying the breach of the planning code. Furthermore, failure to comply with an Enforcement Notice can result in substantial fines and criminal prosecution.

If you have inadvertently breached the planning code, please re-locate your satellite dish to an exempted location as illustrated in the diagram. If you require further clarification, please contact the Planning Enforcement Division of Cork City Council’s Planning & Development Directorate at 021 492 4723.

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Information sheet on Exempted Satellite Dish Locations

Planning and Development Regs 2001-7

SCHEDULE 2

Article 6

PART 1

Exempted Development – General

CLASS 4

(a) The erection of a wireless or television antenna, other than a satellite television signal receiving antenna, on the roof of a house.

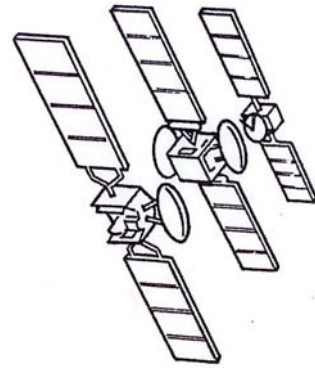
(b) The erection on or within the curtilage of a house, of a dish type antenna used for the receiving and transmitting of signals from satellites.

The height of the antenna above the roof of the house shall not exceed 6 metres.

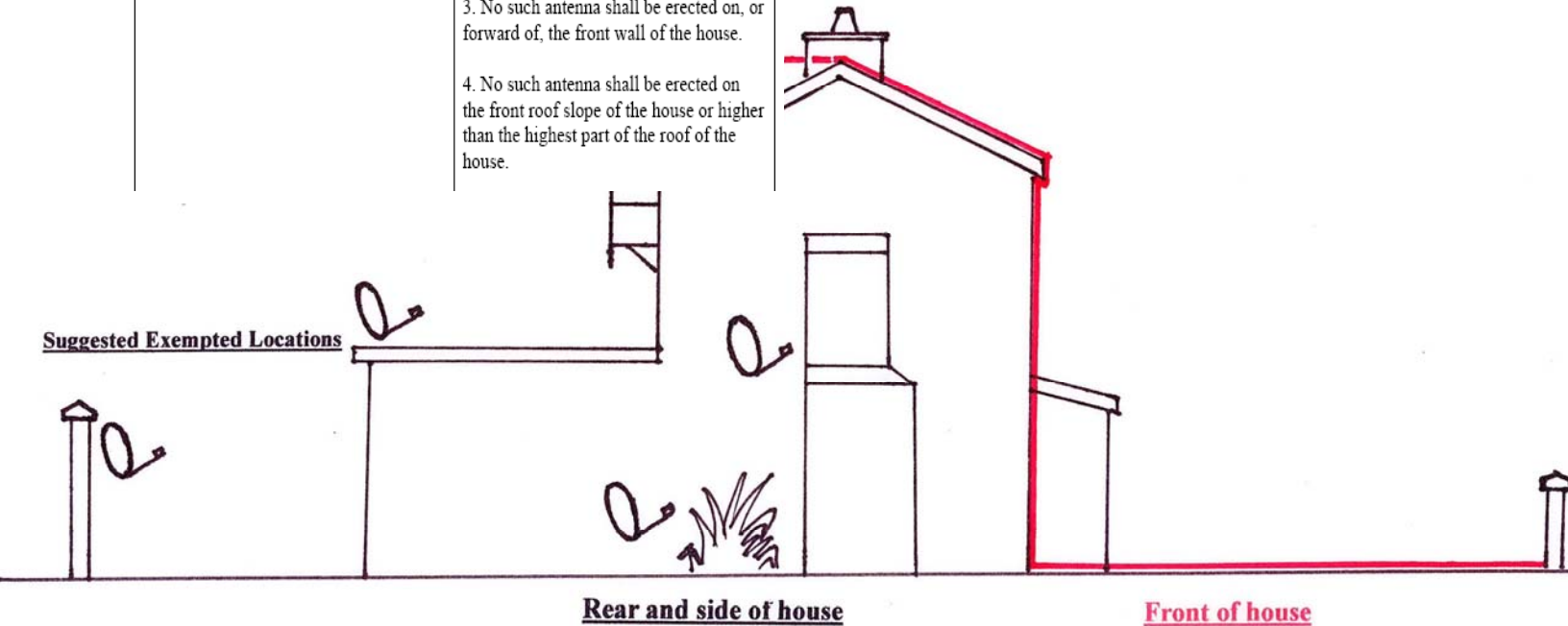
1. Not more than one such antenna shall be erected on, or within the curtilage of a house.
2. The diameter of any such antenna shall not exceed 1 metre.
3. No such antenna shall be erected on, or forward of, the front wall of the house.
4. No such antenna shall be erected on the front roof slope of the house or higher than the highest part of the roof of the house.

- The diameter of the dish shall not exceed 1 metre.
 - Only one dish per house.
- Planning permission is required for an apartment.

No dish on the front of the house or forward of the house.
 No dish on the front roof slope of the house or higher than the highest part of the roof of the house (see diagram).
 Planning permission is not usually required for the erection of a satellite dish associated with a Protected Structure; see details on other side of this guide.



Suggested Exempted Locations



Rear and side of house

Front of house