

STAFF REPORT
February 8, 2007

No. 07OA001 - Ordinance Amendment to add communication towers and antennas as a Conditional Use in the Heavy Industrial and Light Industrial Zoning District by amending Chapter 17.24.030 and Chapter 17.22.030 of the Rapid City Municipal Code **ITEM 17**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	Faulk & Foster for Western Wireless Corp.
REQUEST	No. 07OA001 - Ordinance Amendment to add communication towers and antennas as a Conditional Use in the Heavy Industrial and Light Industrial Zoning District by amending Chapter 17.24.030 and Chapter 17.22.030 of the Rapid City Municipal Code
DATE OF APPLICATION	1/12/2007
REVIEWED BY	Karen Bulman / Emily Fisher

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Ordinance Amendment to add communication towers and antennas as a Conditional Use in the Heavy Industrial and Light Industrial Zoning District by amending Chapter 17.24.030 and Chapter 17.22.030 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be continued to the February 22, 2007 Planning Commission meeting to allow staff to draft the proposed ordinance.

GENERAL COMMENTS: Section 17.24.030 and Section 17.22.030 of the Rapid City Municipal Code lists Conditional Uses allowed in the Heavy Industrial and Light Industrial Zoning Districts. Faulk & Foster for Western Wireless submitted an application to amend the Rapid City Municipal Code, Chapter 17.24.030 and Chapter 17.22.030, to allow communication towers and antennas as a Conditional Use in Heavy Industrial and Light Industrial Zoning Districts.

Currently, communication towers and antennas are a Conditional Use in the General Agriculture, General Commercial, and Public Zoning Districts and areas on the west side of Skyline Drive in the Park Forest Zoning District. Communication towers and antennas are not allowed as a permitted or conditional use in the Light Industrial or Heavy Industrial Zoning Districts.

STAFF REVIEW: Staff recommends that the Ordinance Amendment to add communication towers and antennas as a Conditional Use in Heavy Industrial and Light Industrial Zoning Districts be continued to the February 22, 2007 Planning Commission meeting.