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**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2553**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, BY GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF NINE CELLULAR ANTENNA PANELS ON THE EXISTING MONOPOLE TOWER LOCATED AT 13850 DIPLOMAT DRIVE AND WITHIN THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NUMBER 22 (PD-22) ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Farmers Branch deems it necessary, for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the City to enact a new zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed a Planning and Zoning Commission to recommend the boundaries of the various original zoning districts and appropriate regulations be enforced therein and to recommend a new zoning ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has divided the City into districts and has prepared regulations pertaining to such districts in accordance with a comprehensive plan and designed to lessen congestion in the streets; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to promote health, general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other public requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission, has given reasonable consideration, among other things, the character of the districts and their peculiar suitability for particular uses, with a view to conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Farmers Branch and the City of Farmers Branch City Council, in compliance with the Charter and Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, and the state law with reference to the granting of changes to the zoning classifications under the Zoning Ordinance Regulations and Zoning Map, have given the requisite notices by publication and otherwise, and after holding due hearings and affording a full and fair

hearing to all property owners generally, and to the persons interested and situated in the affected area and in the vicinity thereof, the governing body of the City of Farmers Branch is of the opinion that due to a change in condition and in order to protect the public health, welfare and safety, said change in zoning should be made;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That all matters stated in the preamble are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2.** That the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended, by amending the Zoning Map of the City of Farmers Branch so as to grant a Specific Use Permit to allow the placement of nine cellular antenna panels on the existing monopole tower located at 13850 Diplomat Drive and located within the Planned Development Number 22 (PD-22) zoning district.

**SECTION 3.** That the above described property shall be used only in the manner and for the purpose provided by the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Farmers Branch as herein amended by the granting of a Specific Use Permit and approval of an associated site plan for the placement of nine cellular antenna panels on the existing monopole tower in accordance with the approved site plan attached as Exhibit "A."

**SECTION 4.** That Nextel or the subsequent owner of the antenna system and equipment building considered under the purview of this specific use permit, shall remove the wireless communications antenna, associated equipment building, and all appurtenances within ninety (90) days subsequent to such time that the antenna and equipment building becomes obsolete or the use is abandoned.

**SECTION 5.** That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Farmers Branch, and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense.

**SECTION 6.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any portion thereof other than that portion so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 7.** In addition to and accumulative of all other penalties, the City shall have the right to seek injunctive relief for any and all violations of this ordinance.

**SECTION 8.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law in such case provides.

**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, on this the 24 day of July, 2000.**