



Tower Trouble in Springdale?

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About You Salon & Spa sits right on Emma Avenue.

The location is something owner Katie Reynolds loves.

"We're one of the oldest buildings on Emma and so I would like to see downtown Springdale come together and be quaint and be a draw," she says.

A few buildings down from Katie's spa, Ozarks Electric plans to build a communications tower at its future office location.

It would stand 66 feet tall and resemble the tower at the co-op's Fayetteville office.

Ozarks Electric says the tower is needed to improve communications during emergencies -- like last year's ice storm.

"It basically is just to serve our radios to our trucks and our inside people so we can continue communications when we need that," says Penny Storms, manager of communications.

Connie O'Mara -- who lives nearby -- supports the tower being built.

"I'm just glad they're keeping the business on Emma Avenue because of how many businesses have left Emma, I'm just so glad they're keeping it downtown."

But Katie worries about the impact it might have on surrounding businesses and homes.

"I thought our goal for downtown Springdale was to beautify Springdale, I kind of think that will be a little bit of an eyesore."

Connie and Katie will both have an opportunity to weigh in Tuesday night at the planning commission meeting.

If approved, the application will go before the city council.
