

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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Mayor



**DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND PARKS**

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DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2019

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council

FROM: Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

POSITION: Support with amendments.

Re: City Council Bill #19-0407

Dear President and City Council Members,

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0407 for the purpose of granting a franchise to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, to construct, install, maintain, repair, 'operate, relocate, replace, and remove certain Communications Facilities in and across certain streets and Public Ways and Park Properties, subject to certain terms and conditions; and provide for a special effective date.

This franchise ordinance and agreement allows New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, to use the City rights-of-way and park properties to attach wireless antenna to existing or erected poles to provide enhanced communication services. Public rights-of-way does not include any City buildings, structures or other improvements, regardless of whether they are situated in a public rights-of-way. In addition, antenna supporting structures and towers shall be designed in accordance with the International Building Code, as amended. Franchisee shall apply for, at its sole cost and expense, and obtain all applicable federal, state, county, and City permits. This bill would grant a non-exclusive franchise to the Franchisee for installing small cell, wireless technology and other appurtenances on City property located within the City's rights-of-way and park properties. BCRP does not anticipate incurring any direct fiscal impact as a result of the proposed legislation.

After reviewing City Council Bill 19-0407, we have no objection to the passage of this bill. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan at jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov or 410-396-7900.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reginald Moore".

Reginald Moore

Executive Director

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