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## BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

DAVID C. TANNER, Executive Director 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1432 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

December 7, 2009

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall

Re: City Council Bill #09-0412- Zoning Cell Towers

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill # 09-0412 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of this legislation is to require that conditional use applications for antenna towers, microwave relay towers, and similar installations for communications transmission or receiving be referred to the Historical and Architectural Preservation Division, Department of Planning, for certain determinations; and specifying certain required findings and conditions of approval for these uses.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and the report from the Planning Commission. The BMZA is in support of the passage of City Council Bill # 09-0412, with the amendment that the Board be allowed to proceed with a hearing if CHAP does not respond in a timely manor.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner

Executive Director

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C.c. Mayors Office of Council Relations Legislative Reference