

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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**DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND PARKS**

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DATE: Monday, August 26, 2019

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council

FROM: Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

POSITION: Support

RE: City Council Bill 19-0408

Amending Ordinance 15-428 – Franchise –Crown Castle [NG Atlantic] FIBER LLC

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0408.

Baltimore City Recreation & Parks has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0408 as an amendment to add Park Properties to those areas where the Distributed Antenna services are provided and provide for a special effective date.

This franchise ordinance allows Crown Castle the use of park properties in addition to the use of City rights-of-way to conduct a business in which telecommunication facilities will be attached to poles to provide certain communication services. The existing franchise grants Crown Castle access only to City right-of-way. An amendment to the franchise is needed to allow its access to park property. This bill will also allow for Crown Castle Fiber LLC to continue and complete efforts to install fiber and telecommunications facilities within and around the Inner Harbor promenade by allowing Crown Castle Fiber LLC to install facilities on property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Recreation & Parks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Morgan at jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-396-7900.

Sincerely,

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

Reginald Moore

Executive Director

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