

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 07-0255R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Holton, Spector, Kraft  
Introduced and adopted: February 12, 2007

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**In Support of State Legislation – Senate Bill 218/House Bill 49 - Communication Towers -  
Zoning and Other Regulatory Approval - Adjacent Local Jurisdiction**

FOR the purpose of expressing support for this legislation that prohibits a local jurisdiction from granting zoning or other regulatory approval to a communications tower located 500 yards or less from another local jurisdiction unless that tower satisfies the zoning and other regulatory requirements of the each jurisdiction; respectfully requesting the Chairs and Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and the House Environmental Matters Committees to give the legislation a favorable report; urging the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly to support passage of the measure, and entreating the Governor to sign the measure into law.

**Recitals**

Wireless telecommunications providers need to locate their antennas wherever they can serve large numbers of people. As recent as a few years ago, this usually meant along major highways, but today, with an increasing number of technologies dependent on the antennas, wireless telecommunication facilities are being erected along secondary roads, on neighborhood streets, in schoolyards, and in parks.

As the competition for locations continues, providers will vie to place their facilities on any available land. Left unchecked, this proliferation of wireless telecommunication facilities, or communication towers, can lead to visual chaos and impinge on the standard of life in residential neighborhoods.

Communities with poorly worded, or nonexistent policies, run the risk of having towers being placed in or near residential or scenic areas. Passage of this legislation will go a long way toward providing protection against that unfortunate end.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this Body supports this legislation that prohibits a local jurisdiction from granting zoning or other regulatory approval to a communications tower located 500 yards or less from another local jurisdiction unless that tower satisfies the zoning and other regulatory requirements of the each jurisdiction; respectfully requests the Chairs and Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and the House Environmental Matters Committees to give the legislation a favorable report; urges the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly to support passage of the measure, and entreats the Governor to sign the measure into law.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the  
2 Mayor, the Honorable Chairs and Member of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental  
3 Affairs and the House Environmental Matters Committees, the Honorable Lisa A. Gladden, the  
4 Honorable Samuel I. Rosenberg, the Honorable T. Nathaniel Oaks, and the Mayor's Legislative  
5 Liaison to the City Council.