



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: October 8, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0406, Franchise - Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0406 for the purpose of granting a franchise to Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, a Delaware general partnership, 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 providing for a special effective date.

This franchise ordinance and agreement allows Cellco Partnership 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. The Franchisee shall submit for approval, its installation plans to the Department of Transportation for the rights-of-way and the Department of Recreations and Parks for park properties

DHCD has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0406 and has **no objection** to the passage of the Bill.

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cc: Mr. Nicholas Blendy, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*