

<p><b>CITY OF BALTIMORE</b></p> <p><b>BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG,</b> <i>Mayor</i></p>		<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS</b></p> <p>REGINALD MOORE, <i>Executive Director</i> Dr. Ralph W. E. Jones, Jr. Building 3001 East Drive - Druid Hill Park Baltimore, Maryland 21217 410-396-7900</p>
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**DATE:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019

**TO:** Honorable President and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Baltimore City Recreation & Parks

**POSITION:** Support with amendments.

**Re: City Council Bill #19-0406**

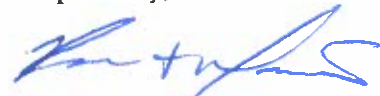
Dear President and City Council Members:

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) 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. 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 19-0406, 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](mailto:jenny.morgan@baltimorecity.gov) or 410-396-7900.

Respectfully,



Reginald Moore

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