

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. _____ CB-101-1997

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by _____ Council Member Estepp

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BILL

AN ACT concerning

Telecommunications Facilities

For the purpose of establishing a Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinator and providing for the administration and coordination of telecommunications facility planning and construction.

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

Sections 2-464, 2-465, 2-466, 2-467,

2-468, 2-469, and 2-471,

The Prince George's County Code

(1995 Edition, 1996 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 2-464, 2-465, 2-466, 2-467, 2-468, 2-469, and 2-471 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby added:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.

DIVISION 37. TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY COORDINATING

COMMISSION.

Sec. 2-464. Definitions.

For purposes of this Division, the following words, terms, and phrases shall have the following meanings:

(a) **Director** means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(b) **Telecommunications transmission facility coordinator** means the person responsible for the preparation of a master plan for the erection of telecommunications transmission facilities and the coordination of applications for the erection of telecommunications transmission facilities in the County.

(c) **Telecommunications transmission facility** means any antenna mounted on a structure which is used to transmit or retransmit wireless voice, data, or image information.

Sec. 2-465. Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinator.

(a) The County Executive shall designate a telecommunications transmission facility coordinator.

(b) The Director shall make available to the telecommunications transmission facility coordinator such services and facilities as are necessary for the proper performance of his duties.

Sec. 2-466. Coordinator duties and responsibilities.

(a) The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator shall maintain a database of all telecommunications transmission facilities located in the County and those facilities proposed to be located in the County.

(b) The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator shall serve as a central source of information and a technical resource on the siting of telecommunications transmission facilities for County and other public land owners, private landowners, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, licensed telecommunication carriers and the general public.

(c) The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator shall promote the appropriate and efficient location and co-location of telecommunications transmission facilities and minimize adverse impacts on other land uses in the County. The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator shall evaluate the esthetic effects of locating multiple telecommunications transmission facilities in a single location or on a single structure.

(d) The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator shall:

- (1) review the siting of each proposed telecommunications transmission facility;
- (2) evaluate the technical rationale of proposed locations;
- (3) recommend alternative sites and techniques to mitigate the visual impact of the proposed and alternative site;
- (4) recommend provisions governing removal of the proposed telecommunications transmission facility at the end of its useful life, including the posting of a bond or other financial guarantee;
- (5) facilitate public participation in the telecommunications transmission facility siting process; and
- (6) report annually to the County Executive and the County Council on siting policy issues.

Sec. 2-467. Application fees.

(a) The applicant for each telecommunications transmission facility shall pay a site review fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). at the time the application for a proposed location is made.

(b) The site review fee is in addition to fees required for any other permit.

Sec. 2-468. Telecommunication transmission facility inventory.

(a) Prior to August 1 of each year, each agency of the County and each agency which receives County funding shall submit to the telecommunications transmission facility coordinator its telecommunications transmission facility location plan. The plan shall identify the location of each existing telecommunication transmission facility and the proposed location of each facility to be constructed or located in the succeeding two years. The plan shall be updated whenever the actual or proposed location of a facility changes.

(b) Prior to August 1 of each year, each owner of a telecommunications transmission facility in the county shall submit to the telecommunications transmission facility coordinator its telecommunication transmission facility location plan. The plan shall identify the location of each existing telecommunication transmission facility and the proposed location of each facility to be constructed or located in the succeeding two years.

(c) The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator shall draft a master plan of actual and proposed telecommunications transmission facilities in the County and submit the master plan to the County Council for approval no later than October 1 of each year. The master plan shall identify areas of the County where additional sites for telecommunications transmission facilities are anticipated to be needed to provide service for public and private uses.

Sec. 2-469. Telecommunications transmission facility applications.

(a) Every applicant for a building permit or other permit for the erection of a telecommunications transmission facility shall submit to the telecommunications transmission facility coordinator a telecommunications transmission facility location plan or an amendment to an existing plan. The plan shall clearly identify the location of every existing telecommunication transmission facility and the proposed location of each facility to be constructed or located in accordance with the permit application.

(b) Every applicant for a building permit or other permit for the erection of a telecommunications transmission facility shall submit to the telecommunications transmission facility coordinator a statement regarding whether the telecommunications transmission facility is proposed for location on an existing structure. If the application includes the construction or erection of a structure, the applicant shall provided a detailed statement describing the applicant's efforts to locate the proposed telecommunications transmission facility on an existing structure and an engineering study regarding the suitability of the proposed location and alternate locations for the telecommunications transmission facility.

Sec. 2-470. Confidentiality of telecommunications transmission facility plans.

The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator shall not disclose any information in the plan which qualifies as confidential information under the Maryland Public Information Act to any person.

Sec. 2-471. Uniform contracts for use of County facilities.

(a) The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator, with the approval of the County Executive, shall develop and make available to persons desiring to erect a

telecommunications transmission facility in the County a uniform contract for the location of telecommunications transmission facilities on land and structure owned and leased by the County.

(b) The telecommunications transmission facility coordinator, with the approval of the County Executive shall develop and make available to persons desiring to erect a telecommunications transmission facility in the County a uniform rent and fee schedule designed to minimize differential treatment of telecommunications transmission facility owners.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 1997.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Underscore indicates language added to existing law.