

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 5/13/2014
Reference No.: CB-009-2014
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Patterson
Sponsor(s): Patterson, Turner, Franklin
Item Title: An Ordinance concerning monopoles for the purpose of amending the requirements relating to the maximum height, and minimum setback of monopoles on Volunteer Fire Department property.

Drafter: Council Staff
Resource Personnel: Ellis Watson, Chief of Staff District 8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	3/25/2014	Executive Action:	
Committee Referral:	3/25/2014 - PZED	Effective Date:	8/1/2014

Committee Action: 5/7/2014 - FAV

Date Introduced: 5/13/2014
Public Hearing: 6/17/2014 - 11:00 AM

Council Action (1) 6/17/2014 - ENACTED
Council Votes: WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

27-445.04

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development

Date 5/7/2014

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Campos, Franklin, and Olson)

Staff gave an overview of the legislation and informed the committee of referral comments that were received. CB-9-2014 amends the Zoning Ordinance concerning height and setback of monopoles on volunteer fire department property. The bill provides for a maximum height of 199 feet and a minimum setback of one-half of the height of the structure measured from the base to the adjoining property lines. These requirements are consistent with those for monopoles on public property.

Council Member Patterson, the bill's sponsor, informed the committee that CB-9-2014 is for the purpose of providing parity with public fire stations for monopole standards. Arthur Horne, of Shipley & Horne, P.A., testified in support of the bill.

The Planning Board supports CB-20-2014 and provided a staff analysis with a detailed report, map, and description of fire stations located in the County. The analysis indicates that the potential for each volunteer fire station to build

a new monopole or extend an existing one depends on the unique dimensions of each property, as well as the location of existing buildings on that property. Some properties have no area meeting the requisite setback for a monopole of the maximum height of 199 feet. Others may find that while part of their property meets the requirement, it is not a suitable location for a monopole. Therefore, the impact of the bill will vary significantly from station to station.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-20-2014 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation would allow monopoles located on Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) property to be a maximum height of 199 feet and have a minimum setback of one-half of the height of the structure measured from the base to the adjoining property lines. The proposed requirements for monopoles located on VFD property are consistent with those for monopoles located on public property.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
