PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 5/19/98 **Reference No.:** CB-38-1998

Proposer: Estepp **Draft No.:** 2

Sponsors: Estepp

Item Title: An Ordinance for the purpose of amending certain

requirements for telecommunications related equipment

in the C-A Zone

Drafter: Joyce B. Nichols **Resource Personnel:** Gailyn Gwin

Principal Counsel to the

District Council

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 3/17/98 Executive Action: __/_/_ __

Legislative Aide

DATE: 3/31/98

Committee Referral: 3/17/98 PZED **Effective Date:** 5/19/98

Committee Action: 3/31/98 FAV

Date Introduced: 4/7/98

Pub. Hearing Date: 5/19/98 1:30 P.M.

Council Action: 5/19/98 ENACTED

Council Votes: RVR:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks:

5/19/98: Amended on the floor

PLANNING, ZONING & ECON. DEV. COM. REPORT

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Bailey, Estepp and Maloney).

Council Member Estepp, the bill's sponsor, indicated that Cellular One is attempting carry out an agreement with the Croom community to restore a site in that area, which was developed with a monopole and related equipment building, to its original aesthetics. Mr. Estepp indicated that this agreement to relocate the ancillary building, restripe the parking lot and clean up the site cannot be

carried out as a result of the nonconforming use status of this property as a result of the enactment of CB-102-1997. As a nonconforming use, alteration of the site requires approval of a Special Exception, a process which can take six months. Mr. Estepp believes that this bill will correct the technical error associated with CB-102-1997 and allow restoration of the site to proceed in a timely manner.

Chantel Ornstein, representative of Cellular One, spoke in support of the legislation. The Planning Board and the Executive Branch support the bill. The Legislative Officer finds the bill to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations has determined there should be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-38-1998.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This legislation would allow telecommunications related equipment for nonconforming uses to be relocated under certain circumstances without obtaining a special exception for the alteration of a nonconforming use.

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