

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2006 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-88-2006
Proposed by Council Member Dernoga
Introduced by Council Member Dernoga
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction November 28, 2006

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Telecommunications Transmission Facility Committee

3 For the purpose of temporarily suspending the duties of the Telecommunications Transmission
4 Facility Committee.

5 WHEREAS, Section 5A-161 of the Prince George's County Code provides for a
6 Telecommunications Transmission Facility Committee ("the Committee") to serve as a central
7 source of information and provide technical advice on the siting of telecommunications
8 transmission facilities for the County, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning
9 Commission, the Board of Education and other public landowners, private landowners, licensed
10 telecommunication carriers, and the general public; and

11 WHEREAS, the Committee is charged with promoting the appropriate and efficient
12 location and co-location of telecommunications transmission facilities to minimize adverse
13 impacts on other land uses in the County, including the evaluation of the aesthetic effects of
14 locating multiple telecommunications transmission facilities in a single location or on a single
15 structure; and

16 WHEREAS, Section 5A-163(c) of the County Code directs that before approval may be
17 granted to site a telecommunications transmission facility in the County, the
18 Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinator shall draft a master plan of actual and
19 proposed telecommunications transmission facilities in the County and submit the master plan to
20 the County Council for approval; and

21 WHEREAS, the Committee submitted a report and master plan to the County Council on
22 September 22, 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, Section 5A-163(c) specifies a period of thirty (30) calendar days for Council
 2 approval, and that the months of August and December shall not be considered when calculating
 3 the thirty (30) day time period; and

4 WHEREAS, there is insufficient time to fully review the recommendations of the
 5 Committee prior to the conclusion of the legislative year; and

6 WHEREAS, the Council has expressed concerns with the increased siting of
 7 telecommunications facilities within residential areas; and

8 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that certain amendments to the Zoning Ordinance may be
 9 necessary to implement the recommendations of the revised master plan; and

10 WHEREAS, State law prohibits the Council from enacting amendments to the Zoning
 11 Ordinance after October 31 in a year that Councilmanic election year; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 1017 of the County Charter provides that a resolution has the force
 13 and effect of law but of a temporary or administrative character.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 15 County, Maryland, that operations of the Telecommunications Transmission Facility Committee
 16 be and the same are hereby temporarily suspended pending the completion of the review period
 17 by the Council.

18 NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall not apply to, suspend or be
 19 interpreted to have any effect on operations of the Telecommunications Transmission Facility
 20 Committee related to the review or approval of a site for a telecommunications transmission
 21 facility proposed as part of a public safety communications system.
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Adopted this 28th day of November, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
 GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
 Thomas E. Dernoga
 Chairman

ATTEST:

 Redis C. Floyd
 Clerk of the Council