
A G E N D A I T E M S U M M A R Y

Reference No: CB-91-1990

Draft No.: 2

P r i n c e G e o r g e ' s

Meeting Date:

C o u n t y C o u n c i l

Requestor: M

Item Title: An Ordinance concerning satellite dish antenna.

Sponsors M

Date Presented 7/24/90 **Executive Action** __/__/__ __

Committee Referral (2) 10/23/90 C.O.W. **Effective Date** __/__/__

Committee Action (1) 10/2/90 FAV(A)

Date Introduced 10/16/90

Pub. Hearing Date () __/__/__ __:__ __

Council Action () __/__/__

Council Votes __: __, __: __, __: __, __: __, __: __, __: __, __: __, __: __, __: __, __: __

Pass/Fail _

Remarks Intro too late to process

Drafter: Ralph E. Grutzmacher
Legislative Officer

**Resource
Personnel:**

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE REPORT

DATE: 10/02/90

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-1-1 (In favor: Council Members Bell, Casula, MacKinnon, Mills and Pemberton; in opposition: Council Member Wilson; abstaining: Council Member Castaldi)

Staff briefed the Committee on the Proposed Draft 2 that was under consideration. The proposed legislation amends the Zoning Ordinance in the following ways: (1) it permits more than one satellite dish antenna to serve more than one dwelling unit or a single building that is not a single family dwelling unit; (2) it permits satellite dish antennae 4 feet or less in diameter to be roof-mounted in all but the residential zones; and (3) it amends the definition of usable satellite signals throughout the Zoning Ordinance to address more than television

signals. Since satellite dish antennas are now used for many other purposes, the definition should be expanded. It was also noted that the roof-mounted antennae that would now be permitted would have to be screened, when the antenna "is visible from the street or surrounding property as viewed at ground level".

Gary Pudles, representing Muzak, spoke in favor of the legislation. He discussed the need to permit roof-mounted antennae, with the restrictions set forth in the bill, and noted the inapplicability of the current definition of usable satellite signals.

Larry Taub, representing Greater Media Inc., also spoke in favor of the legislation, and proposed one amendment. Mr. Taub proposed that satellite dish antennas be permitted in the front yard when usable signals cannot be obtained from the rear or side yard, if the property is being used for nonresidential purposes in the O-S, R-A, R-E or R-R Zones. The Committee rejected this proposal.

M-NCPPC took no position on the legislation, and the City of Bowie opposes it.

The Committee accepted the Proposed Draft 2 with one amendment. Roof-mounted satellite dish antenna should not be permitted on single-family dwelling units in any zone. The draft under consideration only restricted this type of antennae on single-family dwellings in the residential zones.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This legislation would provide for the installation of antennas less than four feet in diameter on the roof of a building and delete the installation of certain antennas greater than ten feet in diameter as a permitted use in certain circumstances.