Reference No: CB-54-1991

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Draft No: 1

Prince George's

Meeting Date: 9/10/91

County Council

Requester: M

Item Title: An Ordinance to increase the maximum

diameter of roof-mounted satellite dish antennae from four feet to six feet, four

inches in certain zones

Sponsors M

Date Presented 5/21/91

Executive Action

Committee Action (1) 6/17/91

Committee Referral(1) 5/21/91 P&Z Effective Date 12/31/91

DATE: 6/17/91

FAV

Date Introduced 7/2/91

1:30 PM

Pub. Hearing Date (1) 9/10/91

Council Action

(1) 9/10/91 Enacted

Council Votes

CA: A_, B_: A_, C_: N_, D_: -_, F_: A_, MC: A_,

M : A_, P_: -_, WI: AB, __: __, __: __,

Pass/Fail Ρ

Remarks

Resource Joyce Beck

Mary Lane Drafter: Committee Director

Personnel: Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-1 (In favor: Council Members Fletcher,

MacKinnon, Mills and Wineland; In opposition: Council

Member Casula).

Staff explained that earlier in the year, the Council enacted CB-5-1991, which permitted the installation of satellite dish antennas up to 4 feet in diameter on buildings other than single-family dwellings, in all zones except the residential zones. This legislation increases the 4 ft. limitation to 6 ft. 4 in.

The Planning Department opposes the legislation, and suggested that if the increase is necessary, it should go through the Special exception process.

Mike Wheeler, of Microwave Dish and Cable, spoke in favor of the

legislation, and assured the Committee members that the size being requested, 6 ft. 4 in., will accommodate the state-of-the-art technology. He also suggested that all provisions regarding satellite dish antennas be revised to more closely reflect current technology. Council Member MacKinnon requested that Mr. Wheeler transmit these proposed changes to the Council for future consideration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT (Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

Certain commercially usable satellite signals require a larger diameter earth station receiving antenna than the four foot diameter allowed pursuant to CB-5-1991.