

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 3/31/98

**Reference No.:** CR-23-1998

**Proposer:** Estepp

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** Estepp, Russell, Del Giudice, Scott

**Item Title:** A resolution expressing the County Council's support of proposed legislation to limit the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to preempt local zoning authority and safety and environmental standards

**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** Gailyn Gwin  
Legislative Aide

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_    \_\_

**Committee Referral:** 2/24/98    THE

**Effective Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Committee Action:** 3/24/98    FAV

**Date Introduced:** 2/24/98

**Pub. Hearing Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_    \_\_:\_\_ \_\_

**Council Action:** 3/31/98    ADOPTED

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

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**    DATE: 3/24/98

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Scott, Estepp, Gourdine and Maloney).

CR-23-1998 expresses the Council's support of proposed congressional legislation to limit the authority of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from preempting local zoning authority and safety and environmental standards. The sponsor of CR-23-1998, further explained that since the Federal Communications Act of 1996, the FCC has been promulgating regulations which have the effect of diminishing local land use prerogatives. CR-23 encourages the Maryland Congressional delegation to support the proposed legislation.

The County Executive supports and the Acting County Auditor finds that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-23-1998.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering rules which would preempt local land use, safety, and environmental standards and procedures in the location of a new generation of communications towers to be constructed in the next 4 years for digital television antennae. The United States Congress is considering legislation to limit the FCC's authority in this area. The proposed resolution expresses the Council's support and encourages the Maryland Congressional Delegation to support the proposed legislation.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**