

February 28, 2024

The Honorable Jolene Ivey  
Chair, Prince George's County Council  
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building  
1301 McCormick Drive  
Largo, MD 20774

Re: (Our File 220785)


Dear Chair Ivey:

As you know, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Land Use Article § 17-204(a)(2) requires leases of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission ("M-NCPPC") property in excess of 20 years to be approved by the Prince George's County Council. Accordingly, this letter is to request Prince George's County Council approval of a proposal from CELLCO PARTNERSHIP (doing business as "Verizon Wireless") to enter into an Affirmation and First Amendment to Agreement ("First Amendment") with M-NCPPC for the use of land at Prince George's Stadium, 4101 NE Crain Highway in Bowie, Maryland. M-NCPPC's existing lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for such parcel expired on December 1, 2021, but the parties have been operating as if it were still in place, and Verizon has effectively been in a month-to-month status.

Pursuant to the Agreement dated March 28, 2002, Verizon Wireless operates a wireless telecommunication equipment pad and related apparatus which are used by the public, and such use is consistent with park purposes. Verizon Wireless is requesting to amend the Agreement for four (4) additional extension terms of five (5) years each (retroactive to December 1, 2021), or twenty (20) years beyond the original term, so that the Agreement will expire on December 1, 2041. The Prince George's County Planning Board (the "Board") recommended approval of the First Amendment on July 21, 2022, subject to the final decision of the Prince George's County Council. On December 14, 2023, the Board adopted the enclosed resolution.

Thank you for considering our request that the County Council approve a resolution allowing this Amendment. If the Planning Board can further assist you regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or Don Herring, Planner III, at 301-699-2574.

Sincerely,

  
Peter A. Shapiro  
Chair

Enclosure: PGCPB No. 2023-132 re: Verizon Wireless

c: Bill Tyler, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
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Sonja Ewing, Chief, Park Planning and Environmental Stewardship Division  
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