

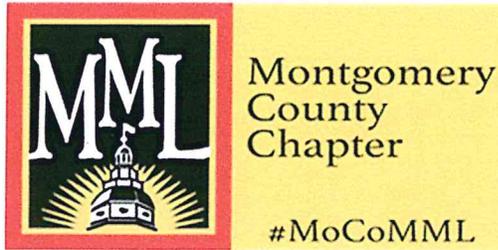
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October 19, 2018

The Honorable Hans Riemer
Council President
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Subject: RE: proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 18-11, Telecommunications Towers
- Approval Standards

Dear Council President Riemer,

At the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League's October 19, 2018 meeting, the Chapter discussed ZTA 18-11, which deals with Small Cell 5G deployment in the county.

As this is a very complex subject and there maybe multiple amendments to the ZTA, the ZTA's passage should be delayed until each of the issues raised is clearly understood for its impact on various municipalities and areas in the county, as well as possible unintended consequences that might be created.

We are not against the implementation of new technologies; however, we believe the proposed introduction methodology could be improved.

One of the problems that still needs to be resolved is the lack of coordination between the Tower Committee, the Department of Permitting Services and the Office of the Zoning Hearing Administrator. We would also like you to consider the makeup of the Tower Commission and whether a municipal representative might be included in the membership.

Another item is the inclusion of a provision requiring the infrastructure builders to engage our municipalities in meaningful ways so that our residents know what may be happening in their neighborhood. In addition, municipalities and their residents should be given formal notification of plans for placement of small cell towers.

Mr. Riemer
Council President
October 19, 2018

We support equity throughout the county by restoring the limited use 60-foot dwelling setbacks for antennas on existing utility poles and streetlights in all parts of the county. The Hearing Examiner may reduce the setback for Conditional Use to 30 feet. Additionally, we recommend expanding what the Hearing Examiner can consider, for example, aesthetics.

If the Council chooses not to delay its voting, we recommend that the effective date of the legislation be set at 90 days after passage to allow municipalities enough time to allow their legal counsels and commissioners/councilmembers to evaluate the impact on their individual municipality and weigh in on it or its amended version.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome J. Klobukowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jerome J. Klobukowski
President, Montgomery County Chapter
of the Maryland Municipal League