

E&R-2011-001: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSIDERATION OF DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEMS

1. WHEREAS many areas of the Mount Vernon District are predominantly residentially zoned; and
2. WHEREAS many areas of the Mount Vernon District have historic character and buildings; and
3. WHEREAS cell towers placed in residential areas may have a detrimental affect on property values due to the visual impact; and
4. WHEREAS cell towers are generally not appropriate for residential areas unless the towers are adequately shielded and/or disguised; and
5. WHEREAS an alternative to cell phone towers known as the Distributed Antenna System (DAS) can be located on sites not suitable for towers due to the DAS technology's flexible architecture and ability to house base station equipment as far as 10 miles from node locations; and
6. WHEREAS the DAS technology can utilize a combination of existing utility poles, short DAS poles, and disguised antennas to provide adequate cell phone service coverage without negatively impacting the residential character, historic nature, and property values of the surrounding neighborhoods; and
7. WHEREAS the US District Court Eastern District of Virginia has required, pursuant to its recently handed down decision in *New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility v. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*, 1:2010cv00283 that telecommunications carriers, such as T-Mobile, evaluate the Distributed Antenna System alternative technology, as well as, alternative site locations; and

A. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS requires that before any application for a cell tower in a residential area in the Mount Vernon District is considered for support the applicant's application must include a Distributed Antenna System as an alternative solution.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION E&R-2011-001