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Fairfax County Planning Commission
12000 Government Center Parkway
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Dear Commissioners:

Date: November 9, 2013

Subject: Resolution to Amend Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Article 2 Section 514-3-A-(3): Telecommunication Monopoles on Public Land in Residential Districts; MVCCA-2013-02

On behalf of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) the enclosed resolution is forwarded for your consideration.

Resolution MVCCA-2013-02; Telecommunication Monopoles on Public Land in Residential Districts, attached, was voted upon by the MVCCA's General Council Membership on October 23, 2013, and passed as written.

Sincerely,

James Davis
Co-Chair
MVCCA

Cc: Commissioner Earl Flanagan
Supervisor Hyland

Encl: MVCCA-2013-02; Resolution to Amend Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Article 2 Section 514-3-A-(3): Telecommunication Monopoles on Public Land in Residential Districts

Resolution to Amend Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Article 2 Section 514–3–A–(3): Telecommunication Monopoles on Public Land in Residential Districts

1. WHEREAS Telecommunication monopoles on public land in residential districts zoned for single family or detached dwellings are allowed by right and not subject to a Special Exception public hearing before the Board of Supervisors that would allow citizens to petition their electors for the redress of grievances; and

2. WHEREAS the height of objects other than dwellings in residential districts zoned for single family or detached dwellings is limited to 60 feet; and

3. WHEREAS objects taller than 60 feet can be highly visible, attract attention, and may not be harmonious with the surrounding community; and

4. WHEREAS telecommunication monopoles on public lands in residential districts regularly trigger local opposition that leaves neighborhoods in turmoil for years because they have no public hearing before their elected officials; and

5. WHEREAS Citizens of Loudoun County, Arlington County, Prince William County and the Independent City of Alexandria all enjoy the right to petition their elected officials at a Special Exception public hearing for telecommunication monopoles and related facilities on public lands; and

6. WHEREAS the Constitution of Virginia Article 1 Section 12 guarantees the citizens of Virginia the right to "petition the government for the redress of grievances";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations requests Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland propose the following underlined change to subsection 3A(3) in Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Article 2 Section 514, to wit:

3. Monopoles, with related unmanned equipment cabinets and/or structures:

A. Shall be permitted as follows and in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 3 through 3K below:

(1) In all C Districts, I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, I-5 and I-6 Districts, and commercial areas of PDH, PDC, PRC , PRM and PTC Districts.

(2) In any zoning district in a utility transmission easement which is ninety (90) feet or more in width.

(3) In any zoning district, on property owned or controlled by a public use or Fairfax County governmental unit, <u>except when the public use or Fairfax County governmental unit is located next to a residential district zoned for single family detached and attached dwellings.</u>