



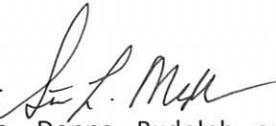
DURHAM CITY-COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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NORTH CAROLINA



Date: January 4, 2013

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager

From: Steven L. Medlin, AICP, Planning Director 

Subject: Response to Citizen Concerns – Ms. Donna Rudolph and Ms. Dolly Fehrenbacher

Summary. Ms. Donna Rudolph and Ms. Dolly Fehrenbacher have expressed concerns about the proposed Durham Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding discretionary decisions and their impact on the approval process for wireless communications facilities (WCFs) (see Attachment 1). Planning staff has addressed substantially similar concerns raised by Ms. Fehrenbacher in the attached January 3, 2013 letter (see Attachment 2).

Recommendation. Receive this report and provide any direction to the Department deemed appropriate.

Background. Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Fehrenbacher have raised concerns regarding citizen notice and input associated with proposed WCFs in their December 22, 2012 request to appear before Council (see Attachment 1) and in a December 21, 2012 letter to my attention (see Attachment 2).

Issues. Planning staff has responded to the concerns raised by Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Fehrenbacher in detail. Please see Attachment 2.

Alternatives.

- 1) No Action; or
- 2) Council direction to the Administration to modify the WCF siting provisions of the UDO and/or discretionary decision authority in site plan approval in a manner different than previous direction and as outlined in the attached letter to Ms. Fehrenbacher (see Attachment 2).

Fiscal Impact. None beyond those outlined in my November 5, 2012 meeting to Council on WCF review and approval processes (see Attachment 3).

SDBE Impact. None.

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Attachments.

Attachment 1. Request to Appear Before The Durham City Council (Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Fehrenbacher)

Attachment 2. January 3, 2013 letter to Ms. Fehrenbacher

Attachment 3. November 5, 2012 memorandum to Thomas J. Bonfield regarding the WCF approval process

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cc: Patrick Baker, City Attorney
Don O'Toole, Deputy City Attorney
Patrick O. Young, AICP, Assistant Planning Director