



Memorandum

Planning Board

TO: Mayor Randy Casale and City Council Members

FROM: Etha Grogan
for Planning Board Chairman Gunn and Planning Board Members

RE: City Council request to review proposed Local Law to amend Section 223-24.5 regarding Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

DATE: January 9, 2019

As requested, the Planning Board reviewed the proposed Local Law to amend Section 223-24.5 of City Code regarding Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. A comprehensive review took place during the regular meeting on January 8, 2019. Members generally supported the draft local law, but the Planning Board has the following suggestions for the City Council:

1. Section 223-24.5 D(1)(c)(ii) includes an HB district that does not currently exist on the Zoning Map, and in Section 223-24.5 D(1)(c)(iii) the CB district has been changed to the CMS district;
2. The priority locations in Section 223-24.5 D could also include consideration of specific views adopted as important by the City Council or listed in the Comprehensive Plan Update;
3. Section 223-24.5 G(4) appears to missing an “and” after “existing vegetation”;
4. Section 223-24.5 O should omit the words “annual” and “annually” and insert “at least once a year” to allow an additional inspection, if a complaint or other reason might require a more frequent check;
5. In Section 223-24.5 O(2) the word “operate” could be changed to “operator.”
6. Section 223-24.5.C should specifically include “heart monitors” as an exempted item.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.