



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

File #: 16-305, **Version:** 1

AGENDA DATE: 5/4/2016

TITLE: Building Permit #B201600215ATWR Verizon Wireless Innovation Drive Personal Wireless Service Facility

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution to approve special exception to waive or modify requirements of County Code § 18-5.1.40 for an antenna collocation on an existing personal wireless service facility

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Foley, Walker, Davis, Kamptner, Benish, Baldwin, Ragsdale

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Thomas C. Foley

BACKGROUND: A request has been submitted by Verizon Wireless associated with its building permit application to add a fifth antenna array to the existing 148 foot tall lattice tower at 1756 Airport Road. The applicant requests a special exception to waive the requirements of County Code § 18-5.1.40(a)(4)(f) for a tree survey and of County Code § 18-5.1.40(b)(3) for a tree conservation plan, to modify the requirements of County Code § 18-5.1.40(b)(2)(a), which limits the number of arrays to three, to allow a fifth array, and to modify the requirements of County Code § 18-5.1.40(b)(2)(c) to allow antennas to project beyond 18 inches from the tower structure, as measured from the back of the antenna.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Critical Infrastructure: Prioritize, plan and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs.

DISCUSSION: County Code §§ 18-5 and 18-33.5 allow special exceptions to waive or modify the requirements of County Code § 18-5.1.40 for personal wireless service facilities. A detailed analysis is provided in the attached Staff Report (Attachment A).

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no budget impact related to the approval of this special exception.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment D) approving the special exception subject to the conditions attached thereto.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Vicinity Map
- C. Verizon Site Plan, Site Name Innovation Drive, last revised March 15, 2016
- D. Resolution

