



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 53-20

Bill No. 53-20 adds a requirement for small cell systems and cell towers.¹ The requirement comes into play when a small cell system or cell tower is to be located within 250 feet of the lot line of County-owned property or of a property used for a public school. In that event, the developer must provide a technical analysis, certified by an engineer, that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the County that the proposed placement is essential to the functionality of the network and there are no reasonable alternative locations for the system.

The bill also contains style changes.

¹ A cell tower is referred to in the law relating to commercial telecommunication facilities as a “structure permanently located on the ground.”

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.