

**Tax Map/Block/Parcel
No. 45-23-N/A**

**Building Permit/Zoning
Certificate No. 02-4472**

Case 4767

**OFFICIAL DECISION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND**

APPLICANT: AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC
104 Church Lane, Suite 209
Pikesville, Maryland 21208

ATTORNEY: Amy Cavero

REQUEST: An application for a conditional use to construct a 180 Ft. monopole wireless communication facility with up to 6 antennas, in a 75 Ft. x 75 Ft. compound, with up to 3 equipment cabinets.

LOCATION: The site is located at 909 Ridge Road, Westminster, MD 21158, on property zoned "C" Conservation District in Election District 7.

BASIS: Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Chapter 223-15 C (2)

HEARING HELD: January 28, 2003

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On January 28, 2003, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear the request for a conditional use to construct a 180 Ft. monopole wireless communication facility with up to 6 antennas, in a 75 Ft. x 75 Ft. compound, with up to 3 equipment cabinets. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board made the following findings and conclusion:

There is currently a gap in coverage along route 27 and Kate Wagner Road. The subject property is a 186-acre parcel of agricultural land with some tree cover. Placement of the tower at this location will enable the Applicant to close the gap in coverage. There are no existing structures or alternative locations, which will satisfy the needs of the Applicant. There is a need for the proposed tower to facilitate phone communication on this route. Additional carriers will "co-locate" on the tower, thereby reducing the number of towers in the county.

The tower would be a 180 Ft. monopole with up to three equipment cabinets. It will be over 1,000 feet from the nearest residence, with no lighting. Based upon the testimony of a real estate appraiser who testified for the Applicant, we determine that such towers do not adversely affect property values. No traffic will be generated.

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The Board finds that the proposed tower will not generate adverse effects at this location greater than those normally associated with such a use. Accordingly, the request for conditional use is granted.

2/25/03
Date

Karl V. Reichlin
Karl V. Reichlin, Chairman