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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 TH FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	BMZA / 3500 Hillen Road		

TO

Mr. David Tanner, Executive Director
Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
417 East Fayette Street, 14th Floor

DATE: December 7, 2009

REQUEST

The Department of Planning has received Clearwire's Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) application to install three panel antennas and a microwave dish on the premises. We understand that this appeal is scheduled for hearing on December 8, 2009.

SITE

3500 Hillen Road is located on the west side of the street, between Tivoly Avenue and Hillen Road north of East 35th Street. This property is occupied by the Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School and related athletic and parking facilities. This site is zoned R-5.

ANALYSIS

Co-location: In order to minimize the number of antenna towers and monopoles constructed throughout the City of Baltimore, the Department of Planning has adopted a policy of co-location. When our Department receives applications for antenna towers or monopoles, staff encourages the applicant to design a structure that can accommodate several other wireless technology providers. This co-location of antennas minimizes the number of antenna towers or monopoles needed throughout Baltimore City.

ANTENNA CONDITIONS:

- The antennas and related equipment must be painted to match the building, to ensure they are visually unobtrusive; and
- The panel antennas and related equipment will remain mounted as illustrated in the plans and elevations submitted to Planning.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Planning has no objection to this appeal.

TJS/ewt/mf

cc: Clearwire, Appellant