

PLANNING & ZONING REVIEW NOTES

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SUBJECT:

A request by Micah E. Retzlaff, Excell Communications, Inc., on behalf of **Verizon Wireless** for collocation on the existing SBA 300 ft. lattice tower located on north US Highway #421

ATTACHMENTS:

Included in this packet:

1. Letter and maps of request
2. Email correspondence from David LeGrys

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND:

A public hearing was held on June 18, 2007. No one signed up to speak on this issue. Each year the county receives requests from cellular phone companies or other companies, who construct towers, about their plans for expansion of service within Chatham County. This year Excell Communications on behalf of Verizon Wireless has submitted a request to collocate on an existing tower.

DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS:

Excell Communications is requesting a collocation approval for Verizon Wireless on an existing tower located in the northwestern portion of the County off US 421 N. Per Article I Section 1-3.10, the County places emphasis on collocation of new equipment on existing towers. Per Section 1-3.12, "tower owners shall make collocation available to other service providers (if space is available and the tower can support the new equipment) at reasonable, prevailing market rates".

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Planning Department recommendation that the Verizon Wireless collocation be approved as submitted to be located on SBA tower located off US 421 N.