

Montgomery County may join other Washington metropolitan jurisdictions in filing an appeal of the FCC small cells order that set timetables for localities to make siting decisions and capped application fees. *“We plan to argue that the FCC has significantly overreached and is seeking to remove local control,”* said Montgomery County Council President Hans Riemer (D-At Large). Riemer has said he hopes the council can agree on new county regulations before the FCC order takes effect in January. *“I think it would help make the case that local governments can be relied upon to make changes for wireless technology,”* Riemer told *The Washington Post*.

The telecommunications land use attorneys at Miller, Miller & Canby are experienced and entrenched in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia’s 5G Wireless and Small Cells Zoning. Our telecommunications, zoning, land use and real estate attorneys are closely monitoring the impacts of the FCC order and the efforts of local legislatures to craft small cell legislation in order to be able to advise telecommunications carriers and potential landlords.

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