

On January 2, 2024 the Albemarle County Architectural Review Board made the following recommendations on the draft wireless ordinance.

Motion: Mr. Van Der Werf moved to forward the recommendations as discussed and amended during the meeting, as follows:

1. The proposed changes could result in negative visual impacts that are inconsistent with the purpose of the Entrance Corridors, namely, orderly and attractive development that reflects the traditional architecture of the area. This includes the increase in pole height from 10' to 30', the elimination of limits on standoff, and changes to equipment sizes. These changes could increase the visual impacts on the corridor.
2. The ordinance should provide for a level of administrative review and approval in the Entrance Corridors, but it should provide greater clarity on criteria to be used by staff and review bodies for both approval and denial of applications based on visual impact.
3. There is still a need for ARB review of PWSFs in the Entrance Corridors. Submittal requirements should include balloon tests and photo-simulations. Maintaining existing regulations in the Entrance Corridor overlay is recommended.

Mr. Henningsen seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by a vote of 4:0. (Hancock absent)