



# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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December 7, 2022

Sonya Hemphill  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Sent via email to [sonya.hemphill@smartlinkgroup.com](mailto:sonya.hemphill@smartlinkgroup.com)

RE: WP-23-047 Stonecutter Telecommunication Facility

Dear Ms. Hemphill:

This letter is to inform you that your request for alternative compliance to the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for the subject project was reviewed.

On December 6, 2022 and pursuant to Section 16.104, the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, considered and **approved** your request for alternative compliance with respect to **Section 16.155(a)(1)(i)** of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to use the alternative compliance exhibit as a substitute for the site development plan process to expand the existing telecommunication facility.

The Department of Planning and Zoning hereby determines that you have demonstrated to its satisfaction that strict enforcement of Section 16.155(a)(1)(i) would result in an unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty. This determination is made with consideration of your alternative compliance application and the one (1) item you were required to address, pursuant to Section 16.104(a)(1):

**1. Unreasonable hardship or practical difficulties may result from strict compliance with the regulations.**

The applicant proposes to expand the existing 210 square foot telecommunication facility by 89 square feet for the installation of a pad-mounted generator and related equipment that will aid in keeping the telecommunication facility in full operation in the event of normal utility power fail. This proposed minor improvement would typically be addressed as a minor modification to an existing site development plan, however, this small-scale facility within the BG&E right-of-way does not have an existing site development plan. Requiring a site development plan for the minor improvements would unreasonably delay the operation of the facility since the alternative compliance exhibit is sufficient for a project this minor in scale and scope and it will contain the necessary information to adequately review the project. Approval of the alternative compliance promotes efficiency of the plan review process as the alternative compliance drawings include all relevant information needed for this project's improvements.

Approval of this Alternative Compliance is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall comply with all applicable County and State regulations and obtain all necessary permits from the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

Indicate this alternative compliance petition file number, request, section of the regulations, action, conditions of approval, and date on all related plats, and site development plans, and building permits. This alternative compliance approval will remain valid for one year from the date of this letter or as long as a subdivision or site development plan is being actively processed in accordance with the processing provisions of the Regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Julia Sauer at (410) 313-2350 or email at [jsauer@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jsauer@howardcountymd.gov).

Sincerely,

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Anthony Cataldo, AICP, Chief  
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cc: Research  
DLD - Julia Sauer



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## ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE APPLICATION

**Site Description:**

**Subdivision Name/Property Identification:**

**Location of property:**

**Existing Use:**

**Proposed Use:**

**Tax Map:**

**Grid:**

**Parcel No:**

**Election District:**

**Zoning District:**

**Total site area:**

Please list all previously submitted or currently active plans on file with the County (subdivision plans, Board of Appeals petitions, alternative compliance petitions, etc.). If no previous plans have been submitted, please provide a brief history of the site and related information to the request:

In the area below, the petitioner shall enumerate the specific numerical section(s) from the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for which an alternative compliance is being requested and provide a brief summary of the request. Please use the additional page if needed.

Section Reference No.	Brief Summary of Request

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**Signature of Property Owner:**

**Date:**

**Signature of Petitioner Preparer:**

**Date:**

**Name of Property Owner:**

**Name of Petition Preparer:**

**Address:**

**Address:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**City, State, Zip:**

**E-Mail:**

**E-Mail:**

**Phone No.:**

**Phone No.:**

**Contact Person:**

**Contact Person:**

**Owner's Authorization Attached**

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