

Pole Pollution on Mercer Island, 5G, and the Verizon Ellis Pond Cell Tower

The character and beauty of our City is being hurt by a proliferation of utility poles, overhead wires, and telecom equipment. The current rush by the telecom carriers to install 5G technology combined with limitations the FCC has tried to place on City Governments' abilities to balance the plans of the telecom companies with the long term interests and desires of the residents threatens to make a bad situation much worse.

We see the mess and dissatisfaction caused on Mercer Island last year by T-Mobile's installation of 39 new 5G transceivers. We see unsightly utility poles that are redundant, decrepit, and deteriorating; sagging power lines; and rats' nests of wire and an accumulation of equipment from multiple service providers. We hear the noisy motorized fans cooling the 5G transceivers in our back yards. We are experiencing the consequences of a "Fast and Ugly" roll out of new technology. We fear for what we will see after Verizon's current effort to install 46 more 5G transceivers and the possibility of up to 200 hundred new 5G transceivers around the Island within a couple of years.

We acknowledge and appreciate what the City has done so far to get in front of this difficult and fast moving problem. We ask that the City continue to strengthen its efforts by:

- Pursuing a policy of "No new poles, No new wires"
- Insisting that the telecom and utility companies be held accountable for what have become "Trash Poles" and be responsible for reversing the damage and cleaning up the mess
- Insisting on a thoughtful, coordinated, and collaborative roll out plan that prioritizes the interests and concerns of the residents over the most expedient and potentially over engineered solutions handed down by the telecom carriers
- Consistent with pending national litigation, taking all appropriate steps to push back against FCC overreach undermining cities' rights and compromising the quality of life on Mercer Island

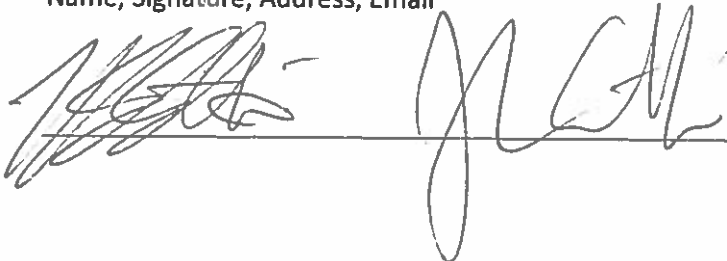
Finally, we strongly oppose the proposed construction of the Verizon Ellis Pond Cell Tower. This tower would profoundly and irreparably degrade the character and quality of the neighborhood. Furthermore, it would set a disastrous precedent leading to more cell towers, poles and wires outside of the City's control and in unwanted places across the Island as the telecom carriers chase the gold rush at the expense of the residents.

Rein in Pole Pollution. Stop the Verizon Ellis Pond Cell Tower.

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