



**APPLICANT:** T-Mobile South, LLC c/o Compass Technology Services  
404-226-8915

**REPRESENTATIVE:** Kimberly J. Adams  
404-226-8915

**TITLEHOLDER:** West Cobb Funeral Home, Inc.

**PROPERTY LOCATION:** Located at the northeasterly intersection  
of Macland Road and Turner Road.

**ACCESS TO PROPERTY:** Macland Road

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO SITE:** Existing funeral  
home and cell tower

**CONTIGUOUS ZONING/DEVELOPMENT**

- NORTH:** R-20/ pasture
- SOUTH:** NRC/ under construction for a Racetrac
- EAST:** R-20/ pasture
- WEST:** NRC/ vacant lot (old mobile home lot)

**PETITION NO:** SLUP-5

**HEARING DATE (PC):** 04-07-09

**HEARING DATE (BOC):** 04-21-09

**PRESENT ZONING:** OI

**PROPOSED ZONING:** Special Land Use  
Permit

**PROPOSED USE:** Height Extension To  
An Existing Monopole

**SIZE OF TRACT:** 2.8 acres

**DISTRICT:** 19

**LAND LOT(S):** 471

**PARCEL(S):** 10

**TAXES: PAID** X **DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMISSION DISTRICT:** 1

**OPPOSITION:** NO. OPPOSED **PETITION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPOKESMAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_ **MOTION BY** \_\_\_\_\_

**REJECTED** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED** \_\_\_\_\_

**HELD** \_\_\_\_\_ **CARRIED** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECISION**

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_ **MOTION BY** \_\_\_\_\_

**REJECTED** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECONDED** \_\_\_\_\_

**HELD** \_\_\_\_\_ **CARRIED** \_\_\_\_\_

**STIPULATIONS:**



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**PRESENT ZONING:** OI **PETITION FOR:** SLUP

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**PLANNING COMMENTS:** Staff Member Responsible: John P. Pederson, AICP

The applicant is requesting a Special Land Use Permit to extend the existing 150-foot telecommunications tower to 165-feet. This represents a 15-foot addition (including the lighting rod). The tower is a monopole, which would be able to hold up to four carriers with the 15-foot addition. The equipment related to the cell tower is kept in a compound as the base of the tower. The applicant has submitted a letter explaining their position (see Exhibit "A").

**Historic Preservation:** No comment.

**Cemetery Preservation:** No comment.

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**WATER & SEWER COMMENTS:**

Water and sewer not necessary for cell tower.

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**TRAFFIC COMMENTS:**

Recommend an FAA study.

Recommend applicant be required to meet all Cobb County Development Standards and Ordinances related to project improvements.

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**FIRE COMMENTS:**

No comments.

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**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMENTS:**

No comments.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

### **SLUP-5      T-MOBILE SOUTH, LLC C/O COMPASS TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

The applicant's proposal is located in an area designated as a Neighborhood Activity Center on the Future Land Use Map. The applicant's proposal is located on property that is zoned OI. Adjacent properties are zoned for offices, retail, restaurants and a Racetrac convenience store. For cell towers, non-residential sites are encouraged, and the use of platted lots in residential subdivisions are discouraged, which this proposal complies. The tower is setback its full height from all off-site residential structures, and is designed for additional co-locations, as required by code. The tower will remain in its current location on the property, and the applicant's proposal is more desirable than placing a new cell tower on another nearby property. Based on the above analysis, Staff recommends APPROVAL subject to the following conditions:

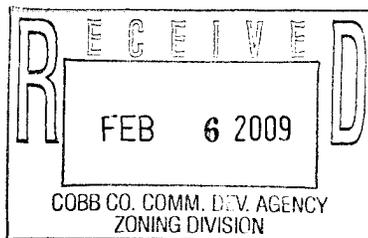
- Site plan received by the Zoning Division on February 06, 2009;
- Letter of Intent from Kimberly Adams, dated February 5, 2009;
- Stormwater Management comments and recommendations; and
- DOT comments and recommendations.

**The recommendations made by the Planning and Zoning Staff are only the opinions of the Planning and Zoning Staff and are by no means the final decision. The Cobb County Board of Commissioners makes the final decisions on all Rezoning and Land Use Permits at an advertised public hearing.**



February 5, 2009

Mark Danneman  
Cobb County Zoning Administrator  
191 Lawrence Street  
Third Floor  
Marietta, GA 30060



Re: T-Mobile Special Land Use Permit Application for Existing Monopole Facility  
Located at West Cobb Funeral Home, 2480 Macland Road, Marietta  
Cobb County Parcel Number 19047100100  
(T-Mobile Site "Bankstone")

Dear Mr. Danneman:

This letter is written in support of T-Mobile's above-referenced Special Land Use Permit Application for its proposed collocation at the existing monopole facility owned by TowerCo and located at the West Cobb Funeral Home on Macland Road. The subject property is currently zoned O&I. T-Mobile proposes a height extension to the existing monopole in order to collocate on this existing monopole facility to provide its wireless communications service to this area.

This existing monopole facility was approved by SLUP-11 on June 17, 2003 on the Cobb County Board of Commissioner's Consent Agenda. The proposed facility was approved for a maximum tower height of 150 feet. Currently, there are three carriers located on this existing monopole leaving the highest available mounting location at 110 feet. T-Mobile did evaluate mounting its antennas at this height, but unfortunately, it is not of sufficient height to allow T-Mobile to meet its coverage objectives for this area. Therefore, T-Mobile proposes a 14 foot extension to the top of this existing monopole so that it can be utilized to meet its coverage objectives rather than proposing a new tower location in this area.

As shown on the submitted site plans, the new maximum overall height of this tower with lightning rod will not exceed 165' with T-Mobile's proposed 14 foot monopole extension. The closest existing residential structure is a mobile home located 164 feet to the west of the existing monopole so there will still be a tower height distance from all existing residential structures maintained with the proposed extension. Finally, T-Mobile's ground equipment will be located within the existing compound which is surrounded by a wooden privacy fence and landscaping. Photographs of the existing monopole facility have been provided for your reference.

T-Mobile's request to extend the monopole is consistent with all the purposes and requirements of Section 134-273 of the Cobb County Zoning Ordinance which requires that applicants explore and fully utilize space on existing towers as well as encouraging nonresidential sites. As previously enumerated, the proposed height extension will allow T-Mobile to utilize this existing monopole located on property zoned O&I and located in the back parking lot of the West Cobb Funeral Home. Therefore, the proposed collocation extension limits the need for an additional tower in this area.

For all these reasons, T-Mobile respectfully requests approval of the requisite Application for a Special Land Use Permit to allow T-Mobile to provide wireless communications to the citizens of Cobb County.

Very truly yours,

T-Mobile South LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly J. Adams", with a long, sweeping underline.

Kimberly J. Adams  
Zoning and Permitting Manager  
COMPASS Technology Services  
Agent for T-Mobile

Enclosures