



## Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

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Bryan Culver, Chair  
Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission  
6 East 6th Street  
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Dear Commissioners:

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association is opposed to the construction of a cell tower at 1725 Bullene. The proposed tower would negatively impact users of the Burroughs Creek Trail and the adjacent residents because of visual disruption, impairment to recreational assets, and negative health impacts.

The Burroughs Creek Trail is an incredibly important recreational and transportation asset to the Brook Creek Neighborhood and the City, one that required tremendous effort on the part of Brook Creek and other neighborhoods to develop. This degree of disruption to the scenic value of the trail is a disservice to the community. The visual impact of the proposed tower was underestimated, as it was assessed while trees were fully in leaf, and the view of the tower location was more obscured than it is now.

Increasing the intensity of the industrial use on the site is inconsistent with the Burroughs Creek Corridor Plan of 2006, which recommends that "when redevelopment of industrially zoned areas is proposed in the future, these areas should be scrutinized for neighborhood compatibility." In no way is a 120-ft tower, located 135 feet from the nearest house, compatible or appropriate to the residential area. In the plan, the site, 1725 Bullene, was recommended to be rezoned from M-1A to C-4. The site should become less industrial, not more.

The staff report neglects to review the full visual impact of a 120-ft tower. Imagine its equivalent, a 10-story building, in order to understand how this tower is entirely inappropriate 135 feet away from a single-family residence. The proposed 6' metal fence, topped with an additional foot of barbed wire, is also inconsistent with the adjacent homes. The applicant's claim that the proposed tower is compatible with adjacent residential uses, and would not diminish the value of these homes, is a claim we do not accept.

Additionally, the health impacts of a microwave radiofrequency radiation (RF) have not been addressed by the City or applicant. The intensity of radiation, and the health effects, are greatest near the transmitter. Multiple studies link RF exposure with genotoxic effects such as gene mutations, cancer, neurological disease such as Alzheimers & Parkinson's, reproductive disorders, and immune dysfunction.

Many questions remain. We doubt the utility of the low elevation site to best serve the purpose of the tower. Very little information was provided to the City and the public about the selection of the small, mostly residential, site search area, and alternate sites or solutions.

Please protect the health and vitality of the neighborhood, and reject the proposed tower.

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