

May 19, 2004

Judy Johnson
Senior Planner, Town of Chapel Hill

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The purpose of this letter is to elaborate on the petition that WCOM Community Radio presented to the Town Council on May 10. After consideration of various options, and discussions with Town staff, we are making our petition more specific by requesting zoning approval from the Town to attach WCOM's antenna to a light pole at the soccer field next to Scroggs Elementary School.

The Scroggs location follows the spirit of the Administrative Policy on Telecommunications Towers, which encourages attaching new antennas to existing facilities. We request a determination that our antenna be considered acceptable as an accessory use, with the provision that our antenna be allowed to extend the height of the existing 74 foot pole by 24 feet, rather than the 11 feet the Policy typically allows. This height is necessary to allow for the adequate functioning of our facility at that elevation, which is approximately 30 feet lower than Culbreth School, the site of our previous application. Given the small size of the mast and antennas, we believe the appearance of the pole with antenna would still meet the test of the Policy that it "not differ greatly from the nearby light poles".

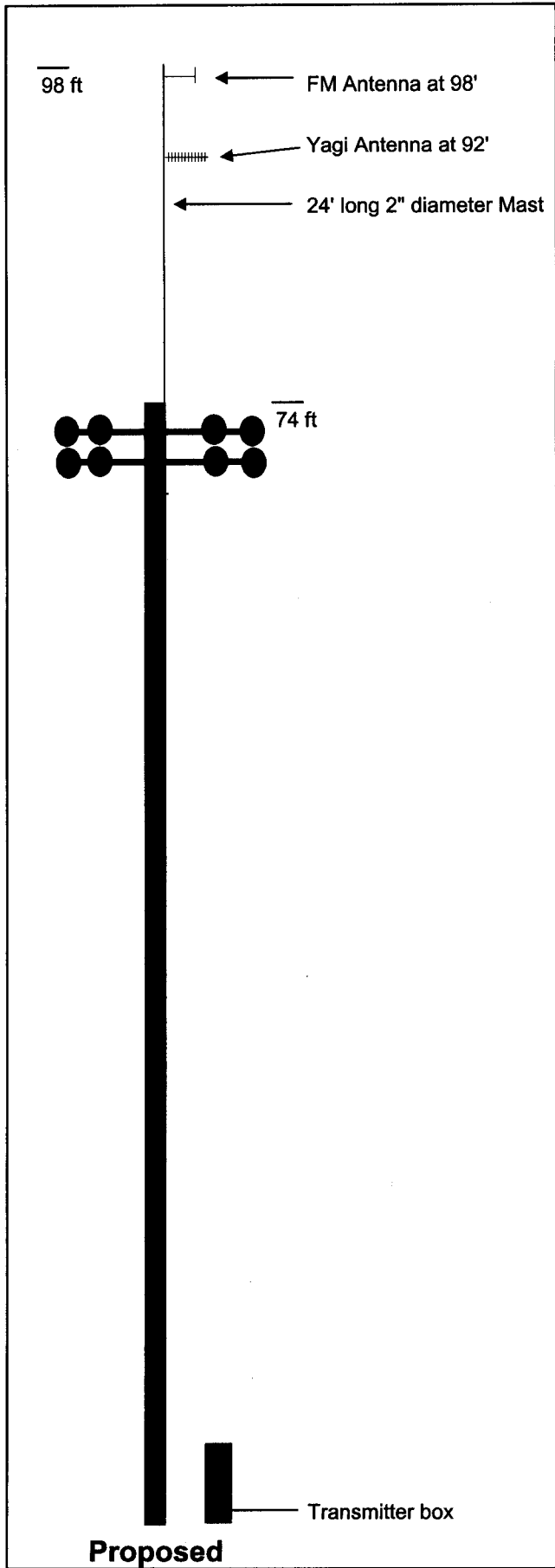
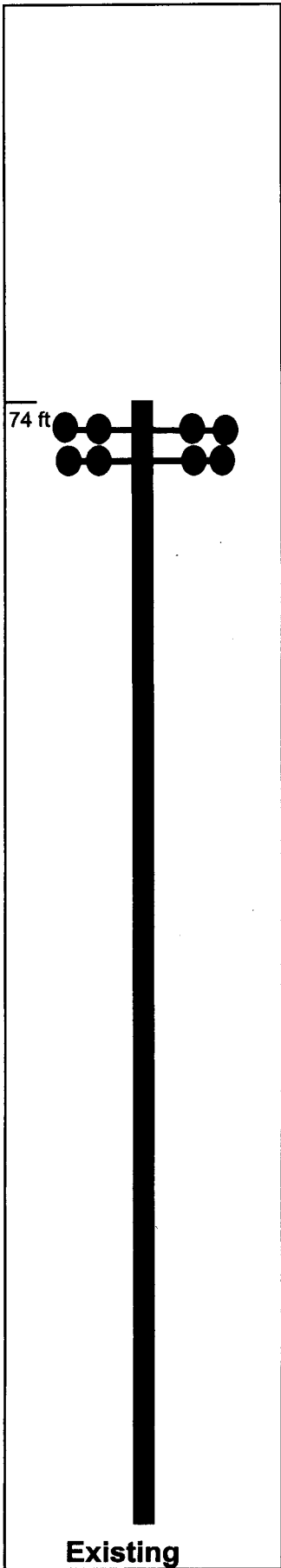
In addition, WCOM requests permission from the Town, as owner and maintainer of the light pole, to lease space on the pole for our antenna. We anticipate that we will be able to obtain permission from the property owner, the School Board, who previously approved an arrangement to lease space on a Culbreth School light pole for \$1 year. We would also need permission to bring electrical service to the pole, and to place a box next to the pole for a transmitter.

The attached diagram and photos will provide more information about the proposed installation.

Once again, thank you for your assistance and your consideration of our petition..

Sincerely,

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WCOM Antennas Mounted on Existing Lightpole at Scroggs School

