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Dear Fred,

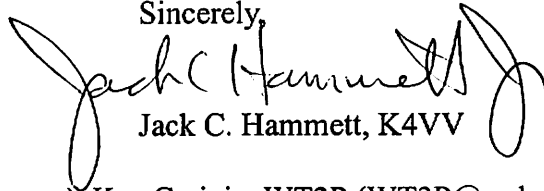
I am writing with qualified good news. The Loudoun County Zoning officials have approved the four-tower proposal, with a 30 day period for others to appeal. So, I will keep a low profile for 30 days. Soon I will resubmit the building permit applications for three of the towers; I have the permit for Tower 1 already.

When this odyssey began, I sent an email to a variety of people in leadership positions, asking for help on the surprise meeting of the County Board of Supervisors, who were scheduled to consider a zoning action to limit Amateur Radio antennas to 75 feet in the entire county. Some indicated interest. You were the only one to offer immediate help, and in a few days you provided very helpful briefs to present to the County Attorney and Zoning officials, and then, as our guest, you traveled here to appear before the Supervisors. Your help was decisive in avoiding the immediate adoption of the 75 foot limit.

You helped in many ways, on both our campaign to stop the county's attempt to put a 75 foot ceiling on ham radio towers and antennas, and on my submission of the Request for Zoning Determination on my proposed four-tower system. I am especially appreciative of the work you did on both efforts as an ARRL Volunteer Counsel. We've had success (so far) on both issues, and your personal contribution was very important. Thank you!

Sharon and I really enjoyed our late dinner after the positive outcome with the County Board of Supervisors last November, and we both look forward to getting together again. I will see you at the Dayton Hamvention.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- (1) Letter of Approval from Loudoun County
- (2) Request for Zoning Determination