

Baltimore City Council Wants Verizon Fios in City

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Today Baltimore City Council members had a bone to pick with Verizon.

They are calling on the company to wire the City of Baltimore for Fios. Verizon has already installed fios in Anne Arundel, Howard and Harford counties... And city officials are tired of feeling left out.

City Councilman William Cole says not having the technology is creating a consumer unfriendly environment. Fios would compete with Comcast service which Cole says would help drive costs down.

More than a year ago, the City Council introduced the resolution.... but members and Verizon executives have failed to find common ground.

A Verizon spokesperson says the company understands the frustration of city residents and will continue to support the city's telecommunications infrastructure and that there is not yet a time table for FIOS' expansion into the city but the company will keep residents updated.