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## Hudson, Verizon settle antenna lawsuit

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HUDSON — Verizon Wireless and the city of Hudson agreed to terms that will settle a lawsuit filed in July by the communications giant.

Verizon and the city agreed to delete a condition included in the planning board's resolution that had committed to bar other wireless providers from locating at 119 Columbia St. for 20 years. It also amends another condition, stating that "it is acknowledged and understood by all parties that a modification in

the technology employed at the Property which changes the service from 4G to 5G does not require approval by the Planning Board as long as any new or modified antennas continue to be screened by the approved stealth concealment panels. Any modification which includes antennas that will not be screened by the stealth concealment panels and are visually discernible require an amended site plan approval from the Planning Board," according to the settlement.

The city does not have to

return escrow fees to Verizon, according to the agreement.

"The city will not ask for any more escrow fees, nor will we have to refund those escrow fees," Common Council President Tom DePietro said.

The agreement also requires the Planning Board to approve the final plan for the concealment of the equipment, including materials and dimensions, within 30 days of submission by Verizon.

Verizon Wireless sued the city, planning board and code

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FILE PHOTO  
Verizon Wireless and the city of Hudson have come to an agreement after the communications company filed a lawsuit in July.

## Virus kills 366 deer in Twin Counties, DEC says



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The Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease outbreak has ended for 2021 following the arrival of the first frost, DEC believes.

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More than 2,000 deer were killed in New York state this year by Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease, according to records from the state Department of Environmental

Conservation.

A total of 236 deer were found dead in Columbia County and 130 died from the disease in Greene County, DEC spokesman Jomo Miller said.

New York had its fourth

and largest Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease outbreak this summer, with 2,040 deer reported dead, Miller said.

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease is a viral infection caused by a biting midge

that affects deer, but is not infectious to humans. The disease may be responsible for killing deer over a 26-county region of New York state, Miller said.

The vast majority of the

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## Report: Health care issues hinder local rural seniors

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ALBANY — A new report from AARP cites lack of access to health care and absence of high-speed internet as two of the major challenges faced by older, rural New Yorkers.

AARP held a virtual hearing Tuesday morning to discuss the findings of the report which documents some of the disparities older rural New Yorkers face in accessing health care, such as high-speed internet, telehealth and family caregiving support.

"This pandemic has exacerbated the disparities rural New Yorkers

have long faced, such as greater social and geographic isolation and less access to health care, nutritious food and increasingly critical high-speed internet," AARP New York State Director Beth Finkel said.

New York has more than 1 million New Yorkers over the age of 50 in rural areas, which is greater than the entire population of several states and the District of Columbia, Finkel said.

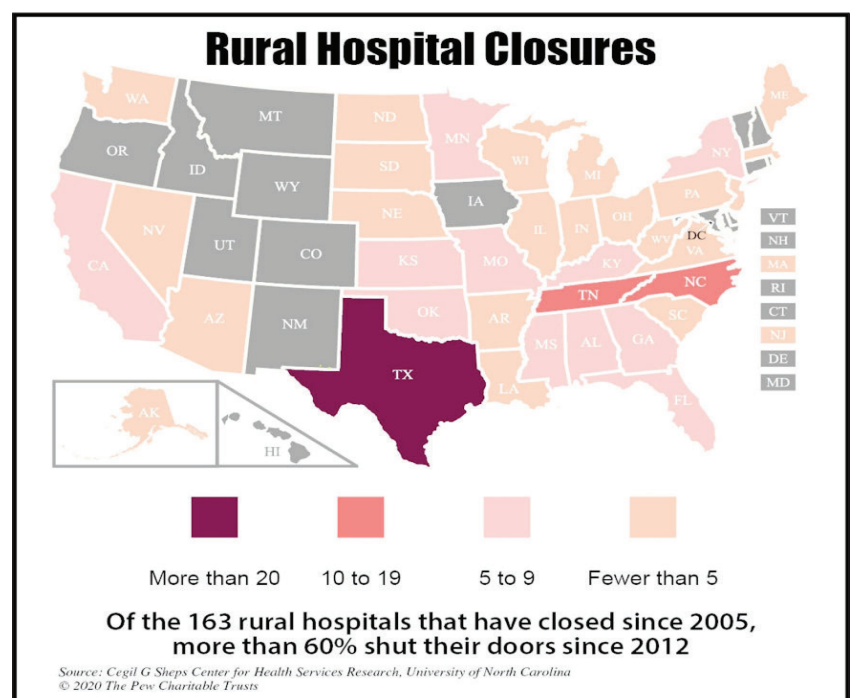
According to the report, rural areas lose residents at rates four to five times faster than more urban areas of New York state. Those who live in

rural areas are more likely than those in urban areas to die prematurely from the five leading causes of death — heart disease, cancer, unintentional injury, chronic lower respiratory disease and stroke.

At the same time, rural New York lost 3.1 physicians per 100,000 population between 2010-2017. There are half as many critical access hospitals for rural residents in the state as there are for New York City residents, according to the report.

"The findings in this report reaffirm the urgent need to address

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Closings of rural hospitals

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THU
Partly sunny	Mainly clear and colder	Some sun, then clouds
HIGH 59	LOW 31	56

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Going into Week 10 against the Bills, the Jets are healthier on offense.

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