

RESOLUTION NO.

Wireless Resolution

WHEREAS, in the 2017 General Assembly Session localities worked with the telecommunications industry (“the industry”) to pass SB1282, which was a compromise bill providing a pathway to small cell telecommunications facilities to be located on existing structures; and

WHEREAS, VML and VACo and the industry agreed to discuss how to assist underserved areas after the session; and

WHEREAS, the industry officials did not engage in meaningful discussions regarding underserved areas and only wanted to discuss a further erosion of local land use authority regarding new structures; and

WHEREAS, 2018 legislation by the Industry (HB1258 and SB405) proposes to eliminate most local control over the installation and operation of new structures and the replacement of current technology; and

WHEREAS, this legislation mandates a ministerial process which eliminates the ability for local officials, residents and businesses to have meaningful input into decisions affecting the character of their own communities; and

WHEREAS, this legislation represents a shift in authority, moving decision-making authority from the community and local elected officials to for-profit corporations that install wireless equipment; and

WHEREAS, the wireless equipment installations can have significant health, safety and aesthetics impacts but those companies have little, if any, interest in taking into account those concerns that potentially conflict with their profit margins;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County by this Resolution formally expresses its opposition to the Industry legislations: HB 1258 and SB405 as eliminating the opportunity for communities to weigh local issues and concerns in the siting of wireless facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Spotsylvania, Virginia directs the Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to the delegates and senators representing the Spotsylvania County; Delegate Terry Kilgore and Senator Ryan McDougle, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Municipal League.

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A COPY TESTE: _____

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