

RESOLUTION

RULES ELECTIONS INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the roll-out of fifth generation (5G) mobile technology requires thousands of small cell wireless facilities to be installed in the City over the coming years; and

WHEREAS, the City has been collaborative with telecommunications companies to ensure timely processing of applications for permits to build wireless facilities and related telecommunications equipment or add upon existing facilities such as streetlights, known as collocation, and continues to adjust procedures to accelerate 5G deployment; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2018 and September 26, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted orders that would limit the annual fees the City is permitted to set for the use of the public right-of-way to \$270 per attachment, far below the \$810 per attachment the City currently charges to recover associated costs; and


WHEREAS, the FCC's actions restricts the City's ability to balance competing interests for the use of the public rights-of-way, taking into account considerations for public safety, public utility services such as water, sewer, and electricity, the traveling public, environmental concerns, economic development, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 530 (Eshoo), the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019, was introduced in the House of Representatives on January 14, 2019, the date the FCC's orders went into effect and would cause those orders to have no force or effect; and

WHEREAS, the Council has consistently opposed similar legislative proposals that would impede the City's control over the public right-of-way and require cities to subsidize the wireless industry's deployment of small cell infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 530 (Eshoo), the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019, which would cause the Federal Communications Commission's actions taken on August 2, 2018 and September 26, 2018 restricting City control over permits for wireless facilities to have no force or effect.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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